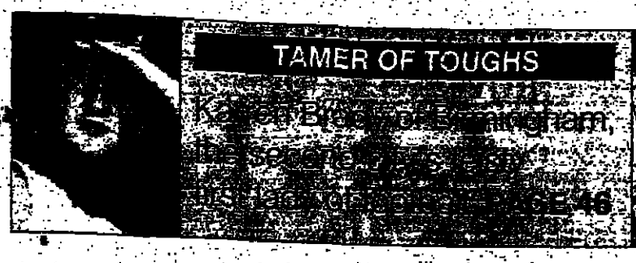

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'The incredible nightmare is over . . .Some day people will believe I did not kill anyone'

Jury clears OJ Simpson of murder

BY GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AND OUR FORRIGN STAFF

O.J. SIMPSON returned a free man to his home in Los Angeles last night after being cleared of killing his former wife and her friend in a stunning end to a sensational trial that has transfixed America for nearly a year.

Millions of television viewers all over the world had earlier seen the former football star's face break into a huge triumphant grin as the court clerk read the jury's not-guilty verdicts, reached after less than five hours' deliberation on Monday.

But as Mr Simpson patted his heart and hugged his lawyer, relatives of the victims broke into loud sobs before staggering from the Los Angeles courtroom. Fred Goldman, whose 25-year-old son Ronald was slashed to death in June last year with Nicole Brown Simpson, was heard shouting: "No, no, no, Murderer, murderer, murderer." Later, he told a press conference: "The prosecution did not lose today. I deeply believe this country lost today. Justice was served."

Mr Simpson meanwhile issued a statement vowing to catch whoever killed his ex-wife and Mr Goldman. "When things are settled a bit, I will pursue as my primary goal in life the killer or killers who slaughtered Nicole and Mr Goldman," the statement read by his son, Jason, said. "They are out there somewhere. Whatever it takes to identify them and bring them in, I'll provide somehow."

He added that he was relieved the "this part of the nightmare" was over and promised to bring his children now their mother would have wanted. He is expected to seek custody of Justin and Arnelle.

Marcia Clarke looked stunned by the verdict

The statement concluded: "I can only hope that some day, despite every prejudicial thing that has been said about me publicly both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand and believe that I would not, could not, and did not kill anyone."

In the courtroom, there was an air of frenzy as the verdict was announced. Mr Simpson embraced all his lawyers and mouthed the words "thank you" to the jurors, one of whom offered the black power salute in return. Mr Simpson's mother, Eunice, sat back in her wheelchair and raised her arms silently to the ceiling while her granddaughter, Arnelle, smiling through tears, also looked upwards.

The prosecutors Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden looked stunned at the verdict, but Mr Darden insisted afterwards: "I'm not bitter. I'm not angry." William Hodgson, a senior member of the prosecution team, simply described the result as "a great disappointment".

Outside the court, hundreds of Simpson supporters celebrated wildly, dancing on the pavements and waving their hands in triumph. The police deparment had mobilised hundreds of extra officers throughout the city in case the verdict sparked rioting, a police helicopter hovered over the court and bomb squad officers checked the area, but Police Chief Willie Williams said no trouble was expected.

After the jurors — nine black, two white and one Latin — had individually confirmed their verdicts, Judge Lance Ito ordered that Mr Simpson be "transported to an appropriate clearing facility and released forthwith." The ten women and two men of the jury were then formally excused further service after more than 260 days.

Mr Simpson was then whisked in an armoured Sheriff's Department bus, escorted by a Los Angeles Police Department SWAT team, back to the men's central jail where he has lived since last June. Within 20 minutes, his paperwork had been signed, his personal effects returned and he was on his way home.

Television cameras that had recorded Mr Simpson's dramatic low-speed car chase before his arrest sixteen months ago were there again yesterday, this time to watch a white van carry him from jail to his estate in the suburb of Brentwood. There, America's most famous murder defendant was greeted by his friend Al Cowlings, who drove his car in the procession last year.

Both prosecution and defence teams were meanwhile giving their views on the outcome of the trial at press conferences; the defence lawyer Johnnie Cochran opening his with the words: "First I want to thank God. He always directs our paths and he's worthy to be praised. We thing this verdict bespeaks justice. Mr Simpson, needless to say, is ecstatic and he wants to get on with his life."

Every major American television network and a number of overseas stations cut into their regular programming for live broadcasts of the grand finale in the so-called "Trial of the Century", which lasted over a year, including jury selection and encompassed about 120 witnesses, 45,000 pages of transcripts and 1,100 exhibits.

In nine months of testimony and a week of fiery closing arguments, prosecutors and defence attorneys presented such diametrically opposed theories that some legal analysts wondered at times whether they were talking about the same case.

Prosecutors depicted the celebrity defendant as a man so obsessed with his beautiful ex-wife that when he learned that he could no longer control her, he killed her in a murderous rage. Mr Goldman was struck down, prosecutors said, because he was "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Without a murder weapon, an eyewitness or a confession, however, they presented a case built on what they described as a "mountain" of circumstantial evidence.

Prosecutors described a "trail of blood" leading from the murder scene to Simpson's mansion and presented a pair of matching bloody gloves, a blood-stained sock and strands of hair and fibers. Finally, they pointed to compelling DNA evidence showing an infinitesimal chance of the blood belonging to anyone but Mr Simpson.

But Mr Simpson's defence team painted their celebrity client as the innocent victim of a police evidence-planting conspiracy led by a racist rogue policeman, now-retired Detective Mark Fuhrman.

☐ In Britain, the National Grid reported a "very significant drop" in power consumption as the verdicts were announced. The amount of electricity used fell by 1,200 to 1,300 megawatts — enough to power a large town — as people turned off appliances while they watched the courtroom scenes before slowly returning to normal.

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Relief on the face of O.J. Simpson as the "not guilty" verdict is read out. With him are his defence lawyers F. Lee Bailey and Johnnie Cochran

Appeal to patriotism as Blair seeks the transformation of Britain

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR announced his ambition to take Labour to power for a generation yesterday as he appealed to the patriotism of ordinary voters to help him to turn Britain into a nation reborn.

In a highly-acclaimed speech to the party conference in Brighton, the Labour leader set out his plans to transform the country and sweep away old divisions through a technological revolution and a return to traditional family and moral values.

It was a speech that mixed an idealism designed to touch the nerve of his party audience and the country outside with a series of hard-headed warnings about the tough choices ahead and firm policy commitments. He spoke throughout about making Britain young again by burying class hostilities and banishing cynicism. The 63-minute address, containing echoes of Harold Wilson's "white heat of technology" vision in 1963, was delivered with a fervour that occasionally bordered on the evangelical.

After a summer in which he has faced his first serious internal criticism, Mr Blair demanded discipline to get Labour into office, declaring that the poor and needy wanted action which they would not get through the "rage of opposition". He put his party on election footing telling activists that it would be "a battle for the soul of our nation".

He told Labour that it could not change the country if it had not changed itself, and he pledged that it would work with the people to achieve lasting change. He declared: "I do not want a one-term Labour Government that dazzles for a moment then ends in disillusion. I want a Labour Government that governs for a generation and changes Britain for good.

"I will do all I can to get the Tories out. And I will devote every breath I breathe, every sinew of my body, to ensuring that your grandchildren get to live in a new and better world." At the heart of his pledges was the announcement of a ground-breaking deal with British Telecom to connect free of charge every school, hospital and library to the information superhighway, at a cost of £15 billion. In return a Labour government will lift the restriction which prevents BT selling home entertainment services to domestic customers.

After declaring that education was the best economic policy, Mr Blair promised measures to limit class sizes, guaranteeing that in infant schools every child would be taught in a class of fewer than 30 pupils, and every child would have access to a laptop computer. He announced proposals to take a million single parents off benefit and into work with free childcare and career advice and confirmed plans to bring in a minimum guaranteed pension.

In an audacious move to wrest the law and order mantle from the Tories he also floated proposals for an extra 3,000 policemen on the beat, with the cost possibly being met through killing off plans for compulsory identity cards.

Mr Blair admitted that he had sometimes found politics hard, recalling that last year he had been dubbed Bambi and this year Stalin . . . "from Disneyland to dictatorship in 12 short months".

It was a speech that dramatically confirmed Mr Blair's grip on his party. There was astonishment among the older hands that he had been able to win applause from the conference floor for a threat to get rid of bad teachers and make potential heads prove their leadership skills before taking a post, and for his warning to public sector workers that they would have to make sacrifices under a Labour government.

He promised that Labour would not take risks with inflation, but that the new Labour party would never turn its back on the poor, the homeless and the unemployed in its bid for wider support. "I have spent 16 years being angry, passionate and indignant — about young people huddled in doorways, families made wretched by unemployment, the poor unable to make ends meet," he said.

"I am fed up with anger. They don't need our anger, they need action. They will get it not through the rage of opposition, but through a Labour Party that has had the courage to take hard choices, get into government and do something for them. "I love my party, I just hate it being in opposition. I love my country and I hate what the Tories have done to it — every promise ever made broken, taxes, unemployment, crime, the NHS, education."

His play for the patriotic mantle will unnerve the Tories. He said: "I challenge this country. Let us rouse ourselves to a new moral purpose for the nation . . working together. Unity. Solidarity. Partnership. One Britain. That is the patriotism for the future."

'Politicians used to think that if the audience didn't like the message you changed the message. Mr Blair has changed the audience'

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Judge tells West jury to clear their minds

BY BILL FROST

OCCASIONALLY clutching the gold crucifix around her neck, Rosemary West came face-to-face yesterday with the jury who will decide whether she murdered ten young women, among them her teenage daughter.

She peered intently through heavy-framed spectacles at the eight men and four women as the trial judge, Mr Justice Mantell, told them that theirs was a heavy duty. They must clear their minds of "prejudice, preconceptions and sentiment", he said.

Dressed in a black double-breasted suit and green waistcoat, the mother of seven looked pale as she was brought into the dock at Winchester Crown Court No 3 at 10.34am. She stood showing no emotion while the charges that she had murdered 10 women, including her eldest daughter Heather, 16, and her stepdaughter Charmaine, eight, were read.

The judge told the jury that the case, which will last up to ten weeks, might begin on Friday. They were dismissed while he heard legal submissions.

A prison van took Mrs West from the court after six hours, watched by a silent crowd of about a hundred.

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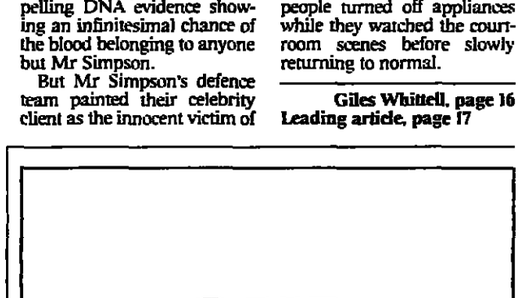

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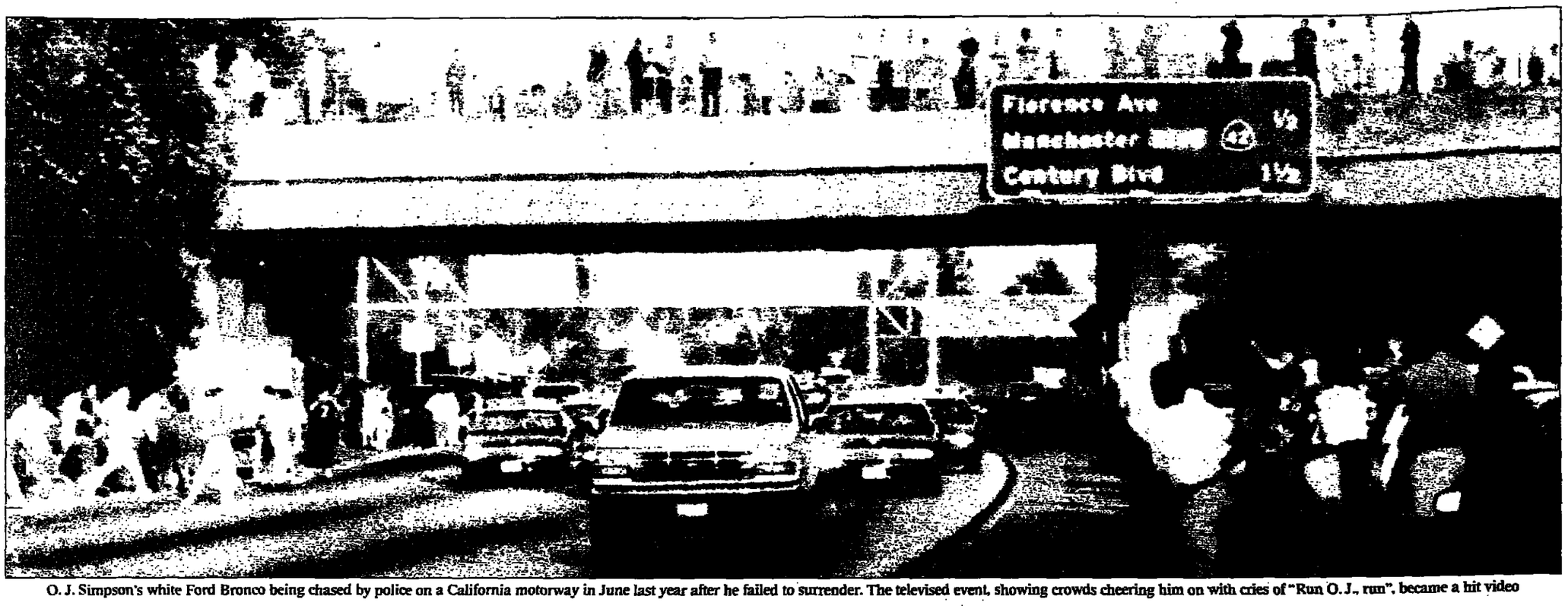

O. J. Simpson's white Ford Bronco being chased by police on a California motorway in June last year after he failed to surrender. The televised event, showing crowds cheering him on with cries of "Run O. J., run", became a hit video

America glued to small screen for the final act

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

TELEVISION

FOR a few minutes yesterday, America ground to a halt for the finale of the most captivating soap opera of all time. As the verdict in the O. J. Simpson trial was announced to a hushed Los Angeles courtroom, it was already the stuff of legend.

From the White House to Wall Street, from Silicon Valley to Santa Fe, audiences were transfixed by the final moments of what has been labelled the trial of the century, an event covered by nine national television stations as well as dozens of local broadcasters. Advertisements running before or after the appointed moment were selling at $200,000 (£125,000) for a 30-second spot, more than six times the average rate, while last night's viewership was expected to bring in the highest ratings yet on American television.

ABC, the national network, revised its entire prime-time schedule to accommodate a special report last night, while CBS and NBC offered continuous coverage from 7am to 5pm. CNN, which had covered the trial live for the past year, also began its coverage at 7am and continued in bursts until 10.30pm.

A congressional recess allowed O. J. aficionados on Capitol Hill the rare pleasure of home viewing while few in the Administration missed an opportunity to witness the last act as they sat eating light lunches in Washington offices.

President Clinton interrupted a scheduled meeting in the Oval Office to watch the verdict at 1pm and White House officials dropped their Medicare memorandums and Bosnia briefs to savour the moment. "I don't think there is anyone here who didn't want to watch this. You felt you had to," said a member of Vice-President Al Gore's staff.

At the Pentagon, William Perry, the Defence Secretary, who had shown little previous interest in the case, had his schedule cleared for a rare 15 minutes at the appointed time. "I think the generals have not been that interested, but from colonel down there has been talk of little else since the jury returned," a member of Mr Perry's staff said.

Calls to stockbrokers in Wall Street were met by the ubiquitous recorded message as foreign exchange floors all but stopped to function during Judge Lance Ito's final delivery. Traditional lawyers' firms, some of which have no access to a television, stopped work as employees rushed out of buildings in search of the nearest available screen.

At Rikers Island, the notorious jail in New York, prisoners were expected to listen to the verdict but otherwise, said a spokesman, it would be "a normal day".

Few were prepared to compete with Mr Simpson for the public's attention. In Georgia, Senator Sam Nunn delayed an expected address about his political future while James Baker, the former Secretary of State, put off a lunch to promote his new book at the National Press Club in Washington after last-minute cancellations by many journalists.

In Los Angeles, a reunion was cancelled of the original Mouseketeers, personalities who became famous in the 1950s and 1960s promoting Mickey Mouse. Restaurants in big cities throughout America ordered extra television sets to be installed for a day that owners hoped would prove a boom for business. Some even served special O. J. cocktails.

Only the Jockey Club in Washington, eating place for the capital's elite, refrained from making any official announcement. "Most of our customers always find out their news by cellular telephone," the manager said.

Gavel-to-gavel coverage adds weight to case against cameras

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN

THE unprecedented soap-opera coverage of the O. J. Simpson trial is thought to have firmly quashed the chances of any move towards televising trials in Britain.

The gavel-to-gavel reporting gave British viewers a new insight into American-style justice. However Stephen Kay, secretary of the Criminal Bar Association, said most criminal barristers felt the British ban on allowing cameras into the courtroom should remain. He said the O. J. publicity "has put the clock right back, if not quashed any chances for good" of televising trials in Britain.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, has strong reservations about the televising of trials, particularly criminal cases, and the O. J. Simpson trial will have strengthened his opposition.

Cameras are prohibited in courts in England and Wales under the Criminal Justice Act 1925, despite efforts by the Bar Council to promote a Bill to lift the ban and allow at least an experiment in the televising of certain trials, such as appeals or House of Lords cases. Support grew last year after the first screening of British justice in a BBC2 documentary series called *The Trial*.

Sky Television, which screened nightly coverage of the O. J. trial, is keen to show court proceedings; and Steve Brill, the founder and head of Court TV, the dedicated American channel, has also expressed interest in covering British trials.

Mr Kay said, however, that the trial had shown the way media publicity could dominate the trial. "It has demonstrated the way cameras cause people's behaviour to change so they are acting not for the benefit of the court but for the wider public, and the battleground moves outside the courtroom," he said.

The presence of the cameras also greatly lengthened a trial that could have been accomplished in about four weeks in Britain. Mr Kay said there was a danger that public opinion would be swayed through edited highlights, which did not take account of all the evidence. "How many of us remembered the taxi-driver's evidence, which turned out to be crucial?"

Worse, evidence or lines of argument would be "leaked" through the media and tested on the public before being used in the courtroom, he said. "This attempt to influence the public outside the courtroom was made because it was a way of seeing how the jury could be influenced."

However Jonathan Caplan, QC, who chaired a report on televising trials for the Bar Council, said that although the screening of the O. J. Simpson trial had showed "that the Californian system of State justice leaves much to be desired", he believed it had been of some educational benefit. "Television coverage has probably been one of the better ways of keeping people informed of the daily progress of the trial."

He still strongly supports an experiment to allow cameras into certain trials. "I am opposed to televising courts for the purposes of entertainment. Obviously, we would not want a pilot project here putting cameras into the trial of Rosemary West. But there is a whole range of other court business which can be shown, because they involve issues of public interest, in the High Court and appelate courts."

Helena Kennedy, QC, said in a lecture last week as chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, that the American legal culture and system were different from Britain's, allowing much more press comment. The contempt laws in Britain would prevent the same kind of mass-media coverage.

Legal line-up: Johnnie Cochran, left, defence team leader, Marcia Clark, and Christopher Darden, right

Duellists in a courtroom battle of wits

WHO'S WHO

☐ **Marcia Clark:** Workaholic Marcia Clark led the prosecution team (Giles Whittell writes). At 41, she is the Los Angeles District Attorney's expert on DNA cases and a murder trial veteran.

Since last June, she has shot to fame for her fiery protests over Simpson defence tactics and her dogged assembly of a complex case based on a "mountain" of circumstancial evidence. She takes great pains over her courtroom image and made formal application for an increased dress allowance at the start of the trial. She shows no sign of wanting to leave the DA's office despite a relatively paltry salary of $96,000 (£60,000).

☐ **Barry Scheck:** The surprise star of the defence team, Barry Scheck, 45, is one of America's top DNA attorneys and a Brooklyn law professor. His expertise in genetic fingerprinting is usually deployed in the cause of impoverished defendants. He joined the defence with his New York colleague, Peter Neufeld, halfway through the trial and attacked police handling of blood evidence against Mr Simpson. The attack hit home in their cross-examination of Dennis Fung, a criminologist.

☐ **Judge Lance Ito:** By turns overly patient and cuttingly short-tempered, Judge Ito brought the trial to a conclusion despite almost losing control of both its lawyers and its jury. The 45-year-old Japanese-American is a dedicated jurist of the so-called "Truth School" who strives after justice — not just fair trials — in his court.

☐ **Johnnie Cochran:** The 57-year-old leader of O. J. Simpson's $6 million (£3.7 million) "dream team" is California's — and possibly America's — best known black attorney. Mr Cochran, whose previous clients include Michael Jackson, joined Mr Simpson's defence reluctantly, citing a conflict of interest since the two were personal friends.

☐ **Christopher Darden:** The prosecution's No 2 attorney was criticised for allowing O. J. Simpson to try on the infamous "bloody glove" without checking whether it would fit. But Mr Darden's lugubrious, folksy contributions to opening and closing arguments have been praised for holding jurors' attention.

Black forewoman reluctant to serve

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JURY

THE forewoman for the jury is a South Central resident in her early 50s who reluctantly agreed to serve on the panel.

"I don't think I would have jumped at the chance to apply," the black woman, a county employee, said during selection for $5-a-day (£3) jury service requiring lengthy sequestration.

She was selected forewoman after just three minutes of discussion. Like the rest of the jurors, her name was not revealed. What little is known about her emerged in answers to questions by attorneys in jury selection, her responses on the jury questionnaire and her statements to the judge during juror investigations.

She insisted that she could keep separate what she heard in the news and what she heard from the witness stand. "I'd stay with the evidence," she said.

The rest of the 12-person jury were:

Juror 2: Black married female postal worker, 28, who was an alternate.

Juror 3: White divorced woman, 60, retired, held out in another murder case.

Juror 4: Hispanic, married male lorry driver, 32, who spoke throughout about how he missed his four-year-old son.

Juror 5: Black woman, 37, married, self-employed.

Juror 6: Black man, 43, married, marketing representative, who described Simpson as a good football player.

Juror 7: Black woman, 44, single, who repairs computers and printers, was an alternate.

Juror 8: Black woman, 38, single, health specialist whose father was a police officer, familiar with DNA testing, one of two college graduates on the panel.

Juror 9: Black woman, 52, divorced, postal worker, wh owatches television murder mysteries.

Juror 10: Black woman, 24, single, county hospital worker and babysitter, prior jury experience, was an alternate. She replaced Willie Cravin, who was removed from the jury allegedly for intimidating other panellists.

Juror 11: White woman, 22, single, insurance claims adjuster, the second college graduate on the panel.

Juror 12: Black woman, 71, married, retired cleaning officer, was an alternate.

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For almost everyone, the long melodrama and legal minuets failed to shift rooted opinions

Hero who became the measure of a divided nation

BY BEN MACINTYRE

LONG before Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were horribly murdered, Orenthal James Simpson was a living icon to millions whose skin colour only enhanced his achievements: the black man made good, football hero, amiable front-man for the Hertz car hire company, millionaire, funny film star.

With his arrest and trial on charges of double murder, that already heady symbolism was instantly transformed into a far more potent and frightening quality: O.J. became a barometer for America's fissile race relations, largely irrespective of his guilt or innocence.

An opinion poll taken by CBS News as the Los Angeles jury began deliberations found 64 per cent of whites believed Simpson was probably guilty, while 11 per cent reckoned he was probably innocent. Among blacks, that statistic was almost exactly reversed: 12 per cent felt he was probably guilty, while 59 per cent thought the opposite.

The racial gulf revealed by those numbers may be stark enough, but more extraordinary yet is the fact that they have remained virtually unchanged since the judicial process began a year ago.

In other words, America has sat through the blanket television coverage, the Simpson jokes, the excruciatingly tedious and ugly legal minuet and the flashes of melodrama — and virtually no one has changed their mind about O.J. Simpson: he still represents one face to blacks and another to whites.

America has a unique gift — or weakness — for turning the legal process into a vehicle for societal self-examination: the Menendez brothers' trial was about child abuse and money; the William Kennedy Smith and Mike Tyson trials were about date rape and money, the Branch Davidian trial was about government power and guns.

Initially, the Simpson trial appeared to be falling into a similiar pattern — as a trial about spousal abuse (and money). But, within days of the murders, the preeminance of the racial theme became glaringly apparent.

In that, the Simpson trial has more in common with the Rodney King legal marathon of bitter memory than any of the celebrity trials.

An early sign of what was in store came when a US news magazine published Simpson's mug-shot on its front cover but artificially darkened the image, immediately prompting accusations that he was being made to appear more menacing, blacker, and, therefore, guiltier.

Simpson's defence team has used the incendiary race card egregiously, flagrantly, and with a cynical awareness of its effect outside the courtroom.

Even before a jury was assembled, the defence ploy to discredit Mark Fuhrman as a loud-mouthed racist was leaked to the media; in his summation, Johnnie Cochran compared the police detective to Hitler.

For the majority of black Americans the question at issue is not whether Simpson is guilty, but whether any African-American can get a fair trial in a society riddled with racial prejudice.

Every event in the Simpson tragi-comedy-farce has been seen through this distorted prism, most notably when Simpson took to the LA freeway in his white Ford Bronco (now a collector's item).

Black supporters saw a brother and fellow victim making a bid for freedom and cheered him on with cries of "Run O.J., Run!". Most whites simply saw a guilty man evading justice on prime-time television.

Talk to almost any young black person from the ghetto, particularly on the streets of LA, and they will tell you that O. J. has been framed.

It is a conviction that springs from the heart rather than the head — and in many cases from hard experience of a system that is undeniably weighted against blacks — and is the more explosive for it.

By the logic of this belief, even O.J.'s acquittal will be seen as a consequence of his money and in spite of his race, so deep is the presumption of bias. As his lawyers have avidly stoked the fires of racial animosity, so Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman and the facts of their grisly deaths have somehow faded from the scene.

O. J. has become absorbed into the American language, part of the way American citizens variously perceive themselves and their society, a symbol of belief as immune to rational analysis as any other idol.

☐ **Quick return:** Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan cut short an Asian tour in Tokyo yesterday to return home.

"The eyes of the world are on Los Angeles. As the leader of the city, Mayor Riordan feels a responsibility to be in Los Angeles at the time of this announcement," the Mayor's office said in a brief statement. *(AP)*

O. J. Simpson with his ex-wife Nicole and their children, daughter Sidney Brooke, nine, and son Justin, six, at an LA film premiere in March 1994

Sherilyn Dallas tunes in outside the court

17 months that put American justice on trial

KEY DATES

June 12, 1994: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman stabbed to death.
June 13: Simpson arrives in Chicago. Detectives go to his estate and conduct warrantless search. Back in Los Angeles, Simpson is questioned.
June 16: Simpson accompanies his children Sydney and Justin, to Nicole's funeral. Friends and family attend Goldman funeral.
June 17: Simpson charged with murder. Failing to surrender as promised, he is spotted in white Ford Bronco with friend Al Cowlings driving. Police follow, ending at Simpson's home, where he is arrested.
July 22: Simpson pleads "absolutely, 100 per cent not guilty". Case assigned to Superior Court Judge Lance Ito.
August 22: Court papers disclose that some DNA tests show Simpson's blood has same genetic make-up as samples from blood trail leading from murder scene.
September 9: Prosecutors announce that they will seek sentence of life without parole rather than the death penalty.
January 11, 1995: The jury is sequestered.
January 20: Judge Ito allows possibility of Detective Mark Fuhrman's racism introduced if defence can prove it relevant.
January 24: Ito rejects Simpson's request to speak directly to jurors before defence opening statements but he does allow him to show scars on his knees. Prosecutors Christoper Darden and Marcia Clark begin opening statements.
February 3: Denise Brown testifies how Simpson humiliated her sister and once hurled her against a wall.
March 15: Fuhrman denies using racial slur in past ten years.
April 21: Jurors wear black and refuse to hear testimony for day after three deputies who guarded panel are reassigned amid charges of giving preferential treatment to white jurors.
June 5: After juror dismissals, final jury make-up is nine blacks, one Hispanic and two whites; ten women, two men.
June 15: Simpson fails to pull on bloody gloves found at murder scene and his estate.
July 6: Prosecution rests.
August 29: Excerpts of recorded interviews between Fuhrman and screenwriter played with jury absent.
August 31: Ito rules that jurors will hear only two of 61 excerpts. Lawyer Robert Tourtelot says he will no longer act as Fuhrman's spokesman or represent him in civil matters.
September 7: The defence says that Simpson will not testify.
September 18: Prosecution conditionally rests.
September 21: Ito gives jurors option of finding Simpson guilty of second-degree murder.
September 22: Defence and prosecution rest. Simpson tells judge: "I did not, could not and would not have committed this crime."
September 29: Prosecution presents rebuttal arguments. Judge gives final jury instructions: case goes to jury.
October 2: Jury deliberations begin and end in less than four hours.

Goldman: died with Simpson's wife

Acquittal averts immediate danger of nationwide riots

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

O. J. SIMPSON'S astonishing acquittal yesterday averted the danger of riots across the United States, but did nothing to improve the country's smouldering race relations.

Most white Americans were convinced of Mr Simpson's guilt and will see the verdict as proof that black jurors — in the interests of racial solidarity — would never convict a fellow black of Mr Simpson's stature, however damning the evidence.

The verdict was the mirror image of a 1992 trial in which a mostly white jury acquitted four white Los Angeles police officers, despite a video showing them beating Rodney King, a black motorist. That verdict enraged the city's black community, sparking the worst race riots in American history.

This case is hardly likely to prompt whites to take to the streets in fury, but at the very least it will lead to demands for drastic reforms of the criminal justice system. These would include changes to the process of jury selection and allowing juries to reach majority verdicts to prevent lone jurors from thwarting justice on purely racial grounds.

What the trial really exposed was the dangerously wide gulf that has developed between black and white Americans in their perceptions of the society in which they live.

To most whites the evidence against Mr Simpson was overwhelming. They considered the defence assertion that the former football star and actor had been framed by a racist Los Angeles Police Department as completely incredible.

To most blacks, including the nine black jurors, that argument seemed eminently plausible. A *US News and World Report* opinion poll published last weekend showed that 60 per cent of American blacks believed the police often frame innocent people, and other recent polls disclosed that at least two-thirds of blacks believed Mr Simpson was innocent.

Johnnie Cochran, Mr Simpson's black lawyer, played the race card for all it was worth. He knew the King case still rankled the black community in Los Angeles. He was extraordinarily lucky when the virulent racism of Mark Fuhrman, the detective who had gathered evidence at Mr Simpson's home, was so dramatically exposed during the trial. Mr Cochran concluded his case with a powerful demand that the jury acquit Mr Simpson to rein in America's rampaging racist police forces.

The trial also took place at a time when black Americans are feeling increasingly threatened by the white establishment. The Republican-dominated Congress has declared war on affirmative action programmes that were designed to redress America's long history of racial discrimination.

The Republicans are drastically curbing health and welfare programmes that benefit blacks disproportionately, and the Democratic Party, which traditionally has fought the black corner, is in a state of collapse. A number of bestselling books by conservative academics, notably Charles Murray's *The Bell Curve*, have popularised the idea that white Americans are not responsible for the black predicament. Yesterday's verdict may have averted riots, but it suggests the potential for a future racial conflagration is great.

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GINNY DOUGARY TALKS TO GORE VIDAL ABOUT HIS MEMOIR

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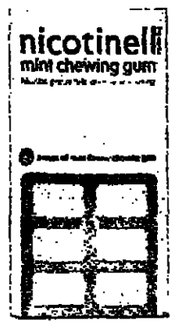

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Judge's warning in historic courtroom as woman goes on trial accused of 10 murders

No place for sentiment, West jurors are told

By Bill Frost and Richard Duce

JURORS were told yesterday that they must banish "all preconceptions, prejudice and sentiment" from their minds as evidence unfolds in the case of Rosemary West.

Mr Justice Mantell told them: "Enter upon your very heavy responsibility in a clear-cut way, unaffected by anything you may have read about this case, which certainly has its sensational aspects."

Jurors must ensure that they did not talk even to members of their family about the case, he said. "You are perfectly at liberty to say you are serving on the jury which is trying Rosemary West on ten charges of murder. Beyond that, say nothing."

The swearing in of eight men and four women jurors began the formal proceedings at the historic Winchester Crown Court, adjacent to the Great Hall where Sir Walter Ralegh was found guilty of treason in 1603.

Bespectacled Mrs West, 41, had been brought in a prison van from the nearby Winchester jail an hour before she entered the dock. She is being held in a basement cell of the prison's C wing. Behind the tinted glass of the van, she had appeared to bow her head between her knees.

In the oak-panelled number three courtroom, she watched intently as the jurors were selected by ballot from a potential list of 30. Beside her were two young women prison officers, with a male officer positioned in the far corner of the dock.

Each potential juror was asked to indicate whether they knew the defendant, or any witnesses or police, so they would not be called to serve. It took only minutes for the eight men and four women to be called to the jury box. Eleven members formally took the oath while one man gave an affirmation.

Then Mrs West, a mother of seven, stood impassively, her hands clasped in front of her, as the ten murder counts were read out by Angela Merridale, the court clerk. On each side of her, the women prison officers, one blonde and one dark-haired, stood with their hands clasped behind their backs, their white open-necked blouses contrasting sharply with their dark blue uniforms.

Throughout the formal reading, Mrs West sometimes looked towards the jury, but mostly looking ahead.

The glass-fronted public gallery was full of members of the public and journalists, craning their necks to watch the events below. The dock and Mrs West were out of sight immediately below them.

At end of the formal reading, the clerk told the jurors: "To this indictment she has pleaded not guilty and it is your charge to say, having heard all the evidence, whether she is guilty or not of all or any of these charges."

Still flanked by the prison officers, Mrs West then sat down and the jurors were then sent home as Mr Justice Mantell, the senior presiding judge of the Western Circuit, said he would hear legal argument in their absence.

The judge said he or his court ushers should be told if anyone persisted in forcing their views on any juror. No one else would try Rosemary West, said the judge. "That is precisely your duty, ladies and gentlemen of the jury. You are perfectly at liberty to discuss this matter among yourselves. However, you must only do that if you are all present."

He also indicated that the prosecution was now expected to open its case on Friday morning, although the jurors might be called back earlier.

The judge said that "some very substantial questions of law" had to be decided in the case at the outset, and it was neither necessary nor desirable that they should be present while this was being done.

Mrs West remained in the dock. She did not utter a single word during the formal proceedings, but she appeared to follow them intently.

Mrs West's husband Frederick, 53, a builder, was found hanging in his remand cell at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, on New Year's Day. A full inquest has yet to be held into his death.

Frederick West had been charged with the same alleged murders as his wife. He alone was also further charged with having murdered his first wife, Catherine, 25, and Anne McFall, 18, a Scottish babyminder.

Last night, Mrs West was back in her remand prison cell after nearly six hours at Winchester Crown Court. Office workers left their desks to join a crowd of about 100 who watched in silence as a curtained-off prison van took her from the court to the city's jail. Two police outriders escorted the van and roads were closed.

The trial is expected to last up to eight weeks but the court will not sit today, as Jewish lawyers will be observing Yom Kippur. Additionally, the Winchester judges will carry out ceremonies to mark the start of the legal year.

Judge's call, page 1

The view from the dock: an artist's impression of the scene inside Winchester's Court Number Three yesterday at the start of the Rosemary West trial. Illustrator: Siân Frances.

THE JUDGE

Mr Justice Mantell, 58, is a former grammar school boy with a passion for cricket. He is the presiding judge on the Western Circuit. Sir Charles Mantell was educated at Manchester Grammar School and read law at the city's university. Called to the bar in 1960, he became a Crown Court recorder in in 1978 and took silk in 1979. A judge of the Supreme Court in Hong Kong for three years, he was knighted in 1990.

THE CHARGES

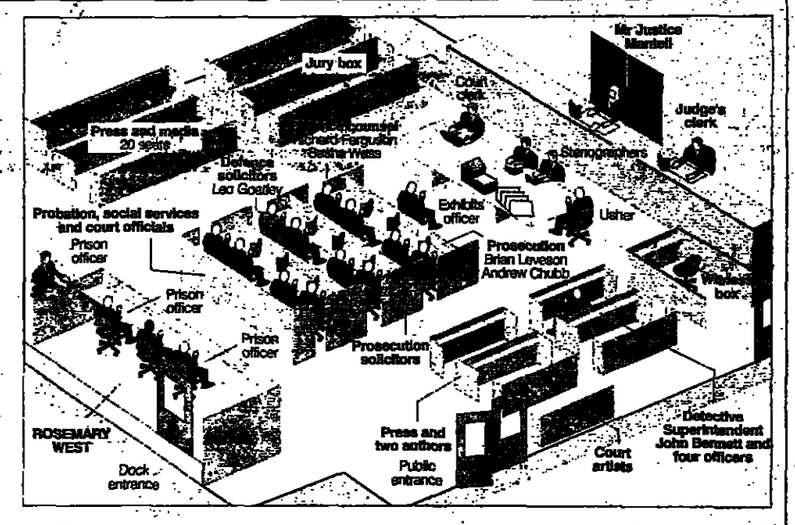
Rosemary West is charged with ten murders. She is accused of killing: Charmaine West, aged eight, between May and December 31, 1971. Charmaine was the daughter of Frederick West's first wife, Catherine Costello. The girl's remains were found at the Wests' former home at 25 Midland Road, Gloucester. Lynda Gough, aged 19. Mis Gough was born in Glossop, Derbyshire, and vanished in April 1973. Carol Ann Cooper, aged 15. She was in the care of Worcester County Council but disappeared on November 10, 1973 after going out with friends. Lucy Partington, aged 21. Miss Partington was a third-year English student at Exeter University who disappeared on December 27, 1973. Therese Siegenthaler, aged 21. Swiss-born Therese was studying sociology at a London college and disappeared at 1974. Shirley Hubbard, aged 15. She lived with foster-parents and disappeared in November 1974. Juanita Mott, 18. She was born in Gloucester and was last seen in April 1975. Shirley Anne Robinson, aged 18. She was last seen in Gloucester in May 1978. Her remains were found buried in the garden of 25 Cromwell Street. Alison Chambers, aged 19. She lived at a children's home in Gloucester, but disappeared in August 1979. Heather West, aged 16. The first child of Fred and Rosemary West, she was the first person whose body to be uncovered at 25 Cromwell Street. She disappeared in June, 1987, after her GCSE exams.

PROSECUTION

Brian Leveson, QC, 46, has been involved in some high-profile cases including the prosecution of Ken Dodd, the comedian, on charges of income tax evasion. Mr Leveson, who took silk in 1986, led the team of lawyers who presented the case against George Graham, the former Arsenal football manager, over allegations that he received secret cash payments during transfer deals. He is normally based in Machester.

DEFENCE

Rosemary West's defence will be led by Richard Ferguson, QC, a skilled cross-examiner and a former Ulster Unionist MP. Mr Ferguson, 60, successfully defended the boxer Terry Marsh when he was charged with attempted murder, helped to overturn the judgment in the case of the Birmingham Six and pleaded for Ernest Saunders in the marathon Guinness trial. He is chairman of the Criminal Bar Association.



BBC limits reporters to two days in court and offers counselling

By Richard Duce

THE MEDIA

STRESS counselling is being offered to BBC correspondents in Winchester who have been told to spend no more than two days at a stretch on the press bench during the trial, expected to last up to eight weeks. The evidence is believed to be so harrowing that longer may be damaging.

Counselling was offered to BBC journalists who covered the committal proceedings at Dursley, Gloucestershire, in February. Corporation management were said to be concerned that their reporters might suffer post-traumatic stress disorder after listening to the evidence.

Every national media organisation is represented at the trial, with reporters and camera crews from Australia, France, Germany and Spain. UPI, the news agency serving America, is also there but its reporter admitted his market was obsessed with another trial yesterday as the O.J. Simpson jury delivered its verdict in Los Angeles.

The French confessed to being fascinated with the West case. A television producer said: "In our country Ruth Rendell mysteries are a big seller. This case has all the elements of a classic thriller."

Thirty seats have been allocated inside court number three for the media, and all were full yesterday. An annexe with audio links has been set up in two first-floor courtrooms for reporters who have not been given seats.

The BBC has hired empty office space above Moss Bros, close to the court, to relay reports and pictures back to London. Outside the court building, police have lined the pavement with crush barriers for when Mrs West enters and leaves. An additional 15 police officers have been put on court duty to maintain order outside if needed.

Winchester prison has denied claims by other inmates that Mrs West is enjoying preferential treatment and that she has had her cell converted into a luxurious apartment complete with carpets, colour television and other electrical appliances.

The claim was made in a letter to a local evening newspaper, but Alan Stobbart, the deputy governor, said: "This is absolute nonsense. She will have a bed, a table, chair and a locker and her room certainly isn't carpeted. There is a shower in the area but she doesn't have a tumble dryer or washing machine. Rosemary West will be treated the same as any other Category A prisoner."

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Immediate help forestalls trouble

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The BBC reporters at the Rosemary West trial can be compared to troops who fought in the First World War. Like them their time at the frontline, albeit in their case the courtroom, will be strictly limited. Unlike them, they are to be offered counselling for stress.

Whereas in 1915 soldiers might spend weeks at a time in the trenches, followed by rest and recreation behind the lines and then a spell in reserve, the BBC correspondents will not have to suffer their brief encounter with alleged atrocities for more than two days at a time. After this there will be the chance of counselling with a psychologist, rather than jollity with wine and women at Arras, as in the Army.

My father, a very competent doctor, spent three years almost continuously on the Western Front. When in his 80s he had recurrent nightmares, I asked if he was dreaming of the war. He assured me that he was not — his recurrent bad dreams were of failing his exams.

The effect of stress varies: it is not unreasonable for the BBC to fear that in some cases it might be allegations of a mother murdering her children. Post traumatic stress disorder is characterised by patients reliving the event in the imagination during the day, or in dreams by night. It has other influences on the emotional life but the percentage who will suffer is much disputed, as is the mental state before the incident occurred.

There is no doubt people's tolerance to death and disaster varies enormously, but the length of time for which somebody is exposed to a stressful situation is important, as is the care they receive afterwards.

As well as reliving the experience, the patients can also become irritable, emotionally detached, have mood swings from absurd jollity to maudlin tearful misery, restlessness, sleeplessness and even violence. Marriages may break down and some may resort to alcohol or drugs.

Barry Luxton, principal counsellor at the Charter Nightingale Hospital in London, says that counselling not only alleviates the symptoms but may prevent future trouble by allowing people to vent their feelings in total confidence.

The essence of any treatment, in Mr Luxton's view, is to offer counselling at once so that tensions do not have time to build up to the point at which they cause symptoms later and become unmanageable. The trick, Mr Luxton believes, is to persuade the patient minutely to describe the situation and their emotions.

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Boy found in pool is allowed to die

A severely brain-damaged boy, known only as Michael, died yesterday after Jersey's Royal Court allowed his medical treatment to be halted. The decision was made after the five-year-old boy's parents appealed for Michael, who was found at the bottom of a private swimming pool last month, to be allowed to die with dignity.

Giving judgment, Deputy Bailiff Francis Hamon said the ruling would allow the boy "to die more speedily than he might have done had we not taken the decision we did". Lawyers said that the Jersey case broke new ground, although it was a logical step forward from earlier rulings. Under present laws in Britain, treatment may be withdrawn only from a patient in a persistent vegetative state.

Benefit payback

Motorists and businesses face increased insurance premiums under plans put forward by Peter Lilley intended to save £100 million in welfare costs. The Social Security Secretary is preparing to force insurance companies to bear the full cost of reimbursing the state for benefits paid to victims of accidents and industrial disease. Companies said the proposals' costs would have to be passed on to customers in higher premiums.

Offer to students

The president of the American College in London offered places last night to students who claim they were misled into thinking that they were going to Oxford University. Joseph Houghton made the offer through *The Times* as trading standards officers began investigating Warnborough College, Oxford. He said he was embarrassed by the college's American connection and would place as many students as possible.

Targets missed

Hospitals have failed to hit government targets on first outpatient appointments. Under new national standards, nine in ten patients referred to a specialist should be seen within 13 weeks. Data published by the Department of Health show that only 85 per cent were seen in that time, and even fewer in certain specialties. Patients referred to a plastic surgeon had to wait longest, with only 74 per cent seen in the target period.

Livestock picket

Animal welfare protesters wearing black armbands mounted a picket at the home of a livestock exporter in Framlingham, Suffolk, yesterday after the death of one of their members who collapsed at a public meeting with police.

Derek Day, 65, died on Monday during a meeting with John Burrow, Chief Constable of Essex, to discuss police tactics at the port of Brightlingsea in Essex.

Sperm danger

Men could be putting their children at risk of cancer by smoking, even before their partners become pregnant. A study at Birmingham University, using data gathered in the late 1970s, has shown that the more men smoke, the greater the chance that their children will suffer from cancer. No similar link was found for women smoking. The findings suggest that the damage is done to the father's sperm before conception.

Chessmen move

The historic Lewis Chessmen, one of which is pictured above, are to be returned to the British Museum in spite of calls from the Western Isles for the medieval pieces to stay on Lewis, where they were found 164 years ago and where they have been on display. Western Isles Council has written to the British Museum calling for a permanent loan of the chessmen to the island. The museum says it will consider the request.

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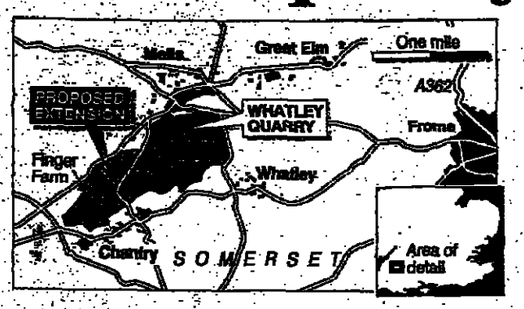
Villagers reject £500,000 offer to end quarry fight

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY



TWO villages in Somerset have rejected offers of about £250,000 each to withdraw their opposition to a quarry extension that would obliterate an ancient country lane.

In a battle seen as a conservation test case, the villagers are backed by Bath, ten miles to the north, which fears the proposed limestone diggings could reduce the flow and temperature of hot springs that feed the city's Roman baths and Pump Room. The hedge-lined lane, which runs for about a mile between Chantry and Mells to the west of the market town of Frome, would disappear under plans by ARC, a subsidiary of the Hanson group, to extend the existing 250-acre Whatley Quarry in the Mendip Hills.

Lady Violet Powell, who has lived in Chantry with her husband, the novelist Anthony Powell, for more than 40 years, is at the forefront of the campaign by local residents to block the development. Last Friday night she was among 100 villagers who met in Chantry's early Victorian church and overwhelmingly rejected an offer by ARC to make a down-payment of £25,000 and further annual payments of £10,000, index-linked, for the next 20 years for the loss of the lane.

"Many people called the offer a 'bribe' and 'hush money', and frankly, it is difficult to see it as anything else," Lady Violet, who is a sister of the Earl of Longford, said. "Chantry has no village hall, pub, shop or post office of its own, and the lane linking us to Mells is a lifeline."

David Rawlins, a retired doctor who chairs the Whatley Parish Council, which includes Chantry, said: "There are no more than 220 voters on our electoral roll, so a turn-out of 100 was remarkable. Not a single person spoke in favour of accepting the money, even though it could have come in quite useful for church repairs and such like."

On Monday night 80 residents of the parish of Mells, which has 520 people on its electoral roll, rejected an identical offer, though the decision was less clear-cut with 29 voting against, 15 for and the rest abstaining.

Bryon Axford, chairman of the Mells council, said: "There were strong feelings on both sides. Opinion is more divided here because we are less dependent on the lane than Chantry and we are further away from the quarry."

Somerset County Council's environment committee is expected to approve ARC's planning application today despite the disquiet. The decision would have to be endorsed by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. Any formal objection by either village would make a public inquiry mandatory.

ARC says the expansion of the quarry would enable it to raise rock output from five million tonnes a year to eight million by 2001, mainly for road-building. It would also extend the life of the quarry, which supports some 400 jobs directly or indirectly, for another 20 years.

ALAN WELLER

Clemente Cavicioli leaving the inquest yesterday. He said he had not seen the cyclist on the path

Coroner urges parks to limit skaters' routes

BY LEYLA LINTON

A CORONER called for separate paths for skaters in parks and speed limits on cyclists after an inquest yesterday into the death of a cyclist in Hyde Park. Mark Welch, 26, died two days after suffering head injuries in the collision with Clemente Cavicioli, who had been wearing in-line rollerskates.

Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, is to urge the chief executive of the Royal Parks Agency to draw up a strategy to reconcile the conflicting interests of skaters, cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr Cavicioli, 32, told the inquest at Horseferry Road court, London, that he had just finished adjusting his boot and had been skating for only a few seconds when the accident happened. He thought that he had been on the pedestrian side of the path, and had not seen the cyclist.

Mr Cavicioli, a furniture agent, said he was spun round by the impact and thrown to the ground, injuring his arm. Mr Welch, a television researcher, was flown by helicopter to hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

Recording a verdict of accidental death, Dr Knapman expressed concern that several months after the accident a policy on skating had still to be drawn up by the Royal Parks Agency. He told Viviane Robertson, head of policy at the agency: "I have the impression that you have meetings and meetings and then try to be nice to everybody."

Dr Knapman said: "Rollerbladers are trendsetters. I have referred to them as beautiful people who want to see and be seen. They have as much right to be accommodated as the nanny pushing her pram."

A royal parks spokesman said: "We will agree our policy urgently as the coroner recommends and implement it as soon as practicable."

A "no skating" sign went up in Regent's Park yesterday after complaints about high-speed skaters. St James's Park has had "no skating" signs for several weeks.

Woman accused of poisoning her daughters

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A WOMAN murdered one of her daughters and severely harmed two others during eight years of abuse which social services and the police failed to prevent, a court was told yesterday. Celia Beckett, 34, was having games of "play dead" with her youngest child when two others were already sharing a grave, Nottingham Crown Court was told.

Mrs Beckett denies murdering and poisoning her daughter, Tracey, four, causing grievous bodily harm to Clare, who died in 1991 at the age of seven, and poisoning and cruelty to her third daughter, Debbie, now six, who has been adopted. Mrs Beckett, who is described as almost backward, was overheard by neighbours shouting at Debbie: "I wish you were where your sisters are," said Nigel Rumfitt, QC, for the prosecution.

Mr Rumfitt said it was a tragic history made sadder by the failures of the social services, welfare system and police inquiries. Mrs Beckett's first child was offered for adoption soon after birth. Tracey was born in July 1982 and, 21 months later, was taken to hospital with facial injuries caused by a blow from her mother. The child was put on the at-risk register "which is supposed to give her extra protection", Mr Rumfitt said.

Two months later, Mrs Beckett gave birth to Clare. When Clare was five months old she was taken to hospital where doctors were baffled by her devastating brain injuries.

Overnight she became blind, epileptic, mentally handicapped and afflicted with cerebral palsy. Clare never recovered and died in 1991 in foster care.

In September 1986, when Tracey was four, she was taken to hospital and her mother said she had taken 23 anti-depressants, enough to kill her. Later that month neighbours heard screaming from the house in Newark and found Tracey dead on a bed. Her death was attributed to acute bronchitis.

Debbie was born in February 1989. When she was two she was taken to hospital after an overdose of tablets, which she survived.

Debbie has now been given a new home and a different name. In January 1994 her sisters' bodies were exhumed and traces of drugs were found in Tracey's body. The trial continues.

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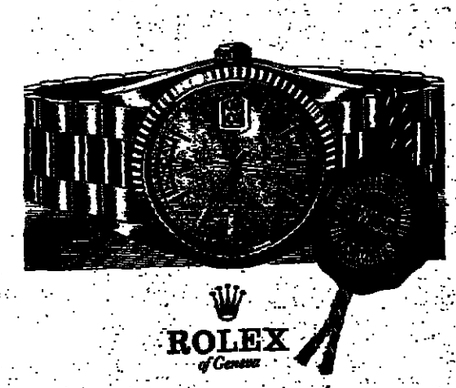

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Patriotic call to rebuild society 'broken by Tory rule'

Blair promises rebirth of a united, caring and prosperous nation

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR yesterday set out his vision of how a Labour government would transform an "old and tired" Britain into an affluent, secure and united nation. In a speech lasting just over an hour, the Labour leader appealed to delegates at the party conference in Brighton to help create a Labour government that would last for a generation.

The party had spent too long in Opposition, he said. "I have spent 16 years being angry, passionate and indignant about young people huddled in doorways, families made wretched by unemployment, the poor unable to make ends meet. I am fed up with anger. They don't need our anger, they need action. And they will not get it through the rage of Opposition but through a Labour Party that has had the courage to take hard choices, get into government and do something for them."

Mr Blair said his socialism was about a set of values for society and a moral purpose to life. "I know that for some of you New Labour has been painful. There is no greater pain to be endured in politics than the birth of a new idea. Socialism to me was never about nationalisation or the power of the State. It is a moral purpose to life, a set of values, a belief in society, in co-operation.

"It is how I try to live my life; the simple truths. I am worth no more than any other man, I am my brother's keeper. I will not walk by on the other side. We aren't simply people set in isolation from each other, face to face with eternity, but members of the same family, community, the same human race.

"This is my socialism. The irony of our long years in Opposition is that these values are shared by the vast majority of the British people."

Mr Blair said, however, that in the past Labour's politics and ideology had not reflected those values in a way that

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brought them alive for the people. "We called them 'our people' while forgetting who they were."

He said that New Labour had begun with the help of the party's former leaders, Neil Kinnock and John Smith. "We have transformed our party. But I didn't come into politics to change the Labour Party. I came into politics to change the country. I honestly believe that if we had not changed, if we had not returned our party to its values, freed from the weight of outdated ideology, we could not change the country.

"We could not win and, even if we did, we would not have governed in the way Britain needs. For I do not want a one-term Labour government that dazzles for a moment then ends in disillusion. I want a Labour government that governs for a generation and changes Britain for the good."

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Mr Blair called for the party to sweep away what he called the most discredited and dishonourable government in living memory. He attacked Tory MPs on the "chicken run" to find safe seats and accepted John Major's challenge to a television debate ahead of the next election. "Any place, any time," he said. "But I have a better idea. Instead of challenging us to a television debate, challenge us to a general election."

He said the Tories had broken every promise they had made. "There is a record of incompetence and dishonesty on an epic scale. Now they plead with the British people: trust us this one more time. I say this to the British people: there are two sides to a deal. They gave their word and you gave your vote. They broke their word and they don't ever deserve your vote again.

"Wasn't it good to see Eric Cantona back in action? Let's hope this time he remembers that kicking people in the teeth is the job of the Tory Government."

Mr Blair told the conference that the Conservatives would cut taxes before an election and raise them afterwards. "It's all a con. We all want ordinary hard-working families to pay less tax. But the way to cut tax is to cut unemployment, cut crime, cut welfare spending, all the reasons taxes have gone up."

He said that if the Tories were re-elected there would be more VAT on fuel, more opt-out schools, more post offices sold off and more health privatisation. "Don't let them capture Britain's future, for they offer it nothing. This is a new age to be led by a new generation."

His generation had more freedom than any other but less certainty about how to exercise it responsibly. He described it as "the generation that knocks on the door of a new millennium, frightened for our future and unsure of our soul".

The people were living in a new age but in an old country. "We are proud of our history but its weight hangs heavy upon us. Why? Because for far too long it has left us defining ourselves as a nation not by what unites us but by what divides us: a class system unequal and antiquated, a social fabric tattered and torn, a politics where dogma drives out common sense."

If the country did not change course it would have two classes of health service, two classes of state schools and two Britains — one on welfare, another paying for it. "I want us to be a young country again," he said, "young with a common purpose, with ideals we cherish and live up to, not resting on past glories, not fighting old battles ... where people succeed on the basis of what they give to their country rather than what they take from their country."

The new country would build a new economy for the future. "No more bosses versus workers, but partnership at work. No more public versus private finance. Co-operation to rebuild our nation's roads, rail, inner cities and regions. No more boom and bust economics."

Mr Blair said education was the best economic policy and that the future lay in the marriage of education and technology. "The arms race may be over; the knowledge race has begun. We will never compete on the basis of a low-wage, sweatshop economy. We have just one asset: our people, their intelligence and their potential. Develop it, we succeed. Neglect it, we fail. It is as simple as that."

Labour's challenge to build a young country was not just economic but social and moral. "Look at the wreckage of our broken society. See Britain through the eyes of our children. Are we really proud of society today? Drugs, violence, youngsters hanging around street corners with nothing to do. We have to have the courage to build a new civic society, a new social order, where everyone has a stake and everyone plays a part. Justice for all, responsibility from all."

Unemployment would not be solved overnight, the Labour leader said. "But no decent society can tolerate these levels of long-term unemployment with all the misery and social breakdown it brings."

Mr Blair said that in any young country, the talents of all were allowed to flourish. "There should be no discrimination on grounds of disability, gender, age, sexuality or race. In its place, tolerance and respect. And I say to the Tories: those who play politics with race or immigration betray the decent values of any civilised society."

He made a firm pledge to carry out in government the programme he provided in Labour's election manifesto. "Nothing more, nothing less. That is my word. We deliver what we promise. We don't promise what we can't deliver. Is that not a vision worth fighting for?"

Delegates were urged to "feel new Britain come alive, feel the vitality that can course through this country's veins and make it young again. Rise, together, to the challenge."

But New Labour could not create new Britain alone, he said. "I challenge this country: let us rouse ourselves to a new moral purpose for our nation, to build a new and young country that can lay aside the prejudices that have dominated our land for generations. A nation for all the people, built by all the people. Old divisions cast out. A new spirit in the nation. Working together. Unity. Solidarity. Partnership. One Britain.

"That is the patriotism for the future, where never again do we fight our politics by appealing to one section of our nation at the expense of another, where your child in distress is my child, your parent ill and in pain is my parent, your friend unemployed or helpless, my friend, and your neighbour my neighbour. That is the true patriotism of a nation, so that together we do make this the young country of my generation's dreams."

> ❛ The coming election is not a struggle for political power, it's a battle for the soul of our nation ❜

The Tories would say that it could not be done. "They will lie about you. They will lie about me. They will lie about themselves. But do not let fear drive out hope. Be strong and of good courage. The coming election is not a struggle for political power, it is a battle for the soul of our nation."

The first Labour Party to win power, and the Labour of 1945 and 1964, had been "New Labour" because they had the "courage to take the values of the Labour Party and use them not for the world as it was, but for the world as they wanted it to be".

When he walked with Tory ministers down The Mall in London during the VJ-Day commemorations, many of the thousands of people lining the route and waving Union Flags were Labour supporters, urging him: "Get the Tories out." Mr Blair said: "These are our people. They love this country, just as we do. It is because they love this country that they look to us to change it. So let us say with pride: we are patriots. This is the patriotic party, because it is the people's party."

To Tory supporters who would be waving the Union Flag at their party conference in Blackpool next week, Mr Blair said: "It's no good waving the fabric of our flag when you have spent 16 years tearing apart the fabric of our nation." They had "torn apart" communities and people's security, he said.

The people who had shouted to Mr Blair in The Mall were "decent people, good people, patriotic people. When I hear people urging us to fight for 'our people', I tell you: these are our people. They are the majority. And we must serve them, and build that new Britain, that young country, for their children and their families."

Mr Blair promised that he would do all he could to get the Tories out. "I will devote every breath that I breathe, every sinew of my body, to ensuring that your grandchildren do get to live in that new Britain in a new and better world. Discipline. Courage. Determination. Honesty. The victory can be won.

"The prize is immense. It is new Britain, one Britain, the people united by shared values and shared aims. A Government governing for all the people. The party founded by the people, back, truly, as the people's party. New Labour. New Britain. The party renewed. The country reborn."

Delegates rewarded Mr Blair with a six-minute standing ovation.

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SIMON WALKER

Tony Blair and his wife Cherie basking in the applause of delegates, who gave the party leader a six-minute ovation

Time traveller Tony rekindles the white heat of technology

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Before Tony Blair's speech, a chap near me growled: "'E thinks 'e's the dog's bollocks." Well he's entitled to. It was a commanding speech: a real dog's bollocks of an oration.

Echoing John F. Kennedy, Newt Gringrich and Jesus Christ, and interrupted by 13 minutes (in total) of mid-speech applause, the Labour leader came as close as a politician can to offering a glimpse of the Promised Land. We can identify six key elements to this: new Britain, new Labour, new technology, New Testament, new audience — and old Tony.

Before this week new Britain was a sun-drenched dependency in the Pacific. But as Blair himself said, picturing the future: "Virtual reality tourism allows you anywhere in the world." Thrilling to his picture of a classless, crime-free, brotherly, sisterly nation, delegates filed out into a grey sky and spitting wind. It spoilt a Britain where we half-thought (though he never quite promised) there would be no more rain.

What, then, is new Labour? Tony Blair has discovered what other Socialists have missed. That a Tory speech goes down well in Britain. He therefore gave one. There were even cries — non-ironic — of "hyah, hyah!" during his passage on law and order. But the British enjoy a *frisson* of modernism too. So with Mary Wilson sitting proudly behind him, Blair treated us to a 1990s rerun of Harold Wilson's 60s dream about the technological revolution. Few understood much of this but we knew it was terrifically important — probably for the young.

But there was something for older voters too. Blair offered the New Testament. Within moments he was quoting Christ. Near the end he declared (twice): "Be strong and of good courage." The tone was positively messianic. Mr Blair has yet to declare: "As God said and rightly ..." but he will. "Discipline! Courage! Determination! Honesty!" Caught on a cusp somewhere between Florence Nightingale and Che Guevara, Mr Blair's peroration approached the phrasing they embroider on to school caps. We loved it.

Commentators will say he is winning his audience round, but I think he is winning a new audience. There are missing faces this year and many unfamiliar ones. Politicians used to think that if the audience didn't like the message, you changed the message. Mr Blair has changed the audience.

So was it new Britain? Or the old Britain that Labour never noticed? New Labour? Or old Harold repolished? New Testament? Or old-time religion? Perhaps Professor Hawking is right: Blair has fused the funnels between black holes and is taking us time travelling. Old Tony stays as fresh as each succeeding dawn.

On Tuesday this sketch suggested that like Dorian Gray, Tony Blair keeps a likeness somewhere, absorbing his sins and ageing for him. A friend has sent the quote from Wilde:

"Now wherever you go you charm the world. Will it always be so? ... You have a wonderfully beautiful face Mr Gray. Don't frown. You have. And Beauty is a form of genius — is higher, indeed, than Genius because it needs no explanation ... it cannot be questioned. It has its divine right of sovereignty. It makes princes of those who have it. You smile? Ah! When you have lost you won't smile."

Yesterday Tony Blair made a beautiful speech and made it beautifully. It will not stand question but does not need to. As Wilde says: "Beauty is the wonder of wonders. It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances."

Yesterday Dorian Blair was the dog's bollocks.

No one can still claim that this is a party short on policy

Tony Blair's first words yesterday were, appropriately, a tribute to Mary Wilson, who was sitting on the platform behind him. His subsequent speech had many echoes of Harold Wilson's "white heat of the technological revolution" conference address of 1963. As such, it inspired his party, and may go down well with the country. After last year's home truths, delegates had something to cheer about; even though, in retrospect, the Kennedyesque rhetoric about youth and patriotism may seem emptier than it sounded in the hall.

Mr Blair had several objectives: to show that his party is broadly united and with him; that he has a vision of the future of Britain; that Labour has detailed policies; and that there is a real difference between the main parties. He succeeded, aided by the isolation of the far-Left so far in the conference. Yesterday was an important stage in the development of the Blair strategy — moving from the "new Labour" phase of internal party changes to the "new Britain" phase of explaining policy.

The former is vital since retaining the support of the party will be crucial to the success of Labour in office. Mr Blair is now able to get away with statements which would previously have provoked loud

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dissent such as warning that, on public sector pay, a Labour government would "have to say no as well as yes, even to people in this hall".

No one can now claim that Labour is short on policy. Admittedly, many pledges were familiar, though a conference speech is the ideal place to bring them together. Some are symbols of change — "flagship policies" in the jargon. Such symbols are important, but they are no substitute for a fully worked-out strategy. Labour has, for example, so far said little of substance on the welfare state, apart from its proposals for a guaranteed minimum standard of living for pensioners. Otherwise, there are just references to the "need for reform" and "hard choices". But, as senior Shadow Cabinet members recognise, the welfare state will really be the key test of the party's fresh thinking and will determine a Labour government's ability to achieve a sustainable balance between spending and taxes.

In other places, Mr Blair relied on creative accounting.

It is all very well to promise to hold down class sizes for five to seven-year-olds to less than 30 and finance this by phasing out the assisted places scheme. But that is essentially a catchy one-off gimmick. It does not explain where the resources are to be found for other education aspirations on providing nursery places, guaranteeing literacy etc.

Similarly, it is nonsense to say you would spend the estimated £600 million cost of a nationwide identity card scheme on 3,000 extra police. This money does not exist in any pubic expenditure plans since there has been no government commitment to compulsory ID cards. The repeated pledge to a phased release of local authority capital receipts may be justified in its own terms to boost housing construction and renovation, but it will automatically increase public spending and borrowing.

What matters more, as with Gordon Brown's speech on Monday, is the general impression that a Labour government has policies to make a difference to Britain. Mr Blair also repeatedly talked about "a new and young country", in implied contrast to the tired old Tories. Time for a change is Labour's most powerful appeal. It is linked with the theme of trust. Mr Blair skirted around an explicit reference to a contract, like Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America", or a guarantee, as the Liberal Democrats have offered. His own version was to promise, in relation to the Labour manifesto, "nothing more, nothing less, that is my word. We deliver what we promise. We don't promise what we can't deliver." No matter that no government can ever deliver everything it has promised because of unexpected events. It is a persuasive image. Mr Blair may have given the Tories many loose ends to exploit. But his success yesterday has also increased the challenge to John Major to set out more of his own policy thinking in Blackpool next week.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair sets out his stall in conference speech

Cuts in class sizes pledged

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

SMALLER classes, children using the latest laptop computers and tough new measures to boost standards were promised yesterday by Tony Blair as he committed a future Labour government to forging a "knowledge Britain" in the 21st century.

"The arms race may be

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over. The knowledge race has begun," the Labour leader declared. "Education is the best economic policy there is for a modern society. And it is in the marriage of education and technology that the future lies."

Mr Blair guaranteed that in infant schools every child would be taught in a class of fewer than 30 pupils. The measure should help more than a million children in England alone.

The pledge would require an extra 2,300 teachers and, after phasing in, would cost around £60 million a year. Labour would meet the bill by phasing out assisted places.

He also announced that David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, would be opening talks with education authorities and computer firms on ensuring that every child has access to a laptop computer. The intention was that the private sector would supply the hardware and the state would put extra money into teacher training.

Labour would be "the champions of standards in the 21st century". Every school would get "fair and equal funding" and there would be "no return to selection, academic or social".

Teachers and parents would get more support, but more would be expected of them. Bad teachers would be sacked and bad schools closed. Applicants for headships would have to prove their leadership skills. Nursery places would be provided for all three and four-year-olds and children would be tested on starting school at five.

Labour's BT deal aims to put Britain on superhighway

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

HOSPITALS, schools, colleges and libraries throughout the country will be connected free by BT to the information superhighway, Tony Blair announced yesterday.

The deal between Labour and BT is a milestone in Labour's drive to appeal to business and industry.

The deal is likely to provoke controversy. It was approved by the BT board, of which Lord Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, is a member.

In his speech at Brighton, Mr Blair said that after discussions BT had agreed that as it builds up its communications network of higher-grade cabling — the so-called "broadband" network — it would connect to it every single school, college, hospital and library in Britain at no charge. Such public institu-

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tions, however, will still pay for using the new network.

Mr Blair said: "They [BT] get the chance to win new markets. But the nation gets the chance to succeed. That is new Labour — public and private, working together, building a dynamic economy."

BT envisages that hospitals will use networks to transfer large amounts of information, including even diagnoses from a distance. Schools are expected to be lower users, but will be able to access teaching aids to help pupils of differing ability. Colleges and libraries will use the free network links to go online with large numbers of databases worldwide.

Though the central BT network in large cities and between cities is already mainly fibre cable, BT estimates it could cost as much as £15 billion to wire up all domestic, business and other users beyond that core.

BT is unwilling to undertake such a large investment without being sure of a market share that will give a sufficient return. The company claims that the Government's decision earlier this year not to allow it to develop a broadband network — which could carry broadcast services such as television and radio as well as telephone — before the year 2002 is a restriction on it. The Government wants to encourage cable companies to develop broadband services.

After the Government's decision, Labour leaders approached BT in the summer and began talks on a new regulatory framework, to be brought in under a Labour government, which would lift the broadband restrictions.

Mr Blair said: "We should aim for free and fair competition and end the restrictions that have prevented BT, Mercury and others from playing their full part in wiring up Britain." He said eventually Labour wanted every home in Britain to be wired to the new communication networks.

Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, who will travel to the conference in Brighton tomorrow for talks with Mr Blair, said last night: "We strongly believe we can make a tremendous contribution to improving the delivery of public services and in particular health and education in the United Kingdom."

Tony Young, joint general secretary of the CWU communications union and one of Mr Blair's key union supporters, said the move placed the information superhighway at the centre of the political agenda: "BT's commitment to connect every school, hospital and library for free is great news indeed. This is the kind of partnership Tony Blair wants to see. Britain can once again be at the forefront of the technological revolution."

Lottery cash must benefit the people

By James Landale, Political Reporter

TONY BLAIR promised to end the huge profits being earned by Camelot, the National Lottery operator, and ensure that all the money raised went to good causes.

Although a Labour government could not break Camelot's six-year contract, Mr Blair said he would open bids for a non-profitmaking promoter in 2000 "so we can release more money for the benefit of good causes in Britain".

The move could open the way for Virgin boss Richard Branson to have another chance to run the lottery. His application for a non-profit operator was rejected by the Government when the scheme was first set up.

Many Labour MPs have opposed what they see as the excessive profits earned by Camelot. However, yesterday's announcement fell short of a second demand to impose a top limit on lottery winnings. Party sources said the move would have been unpopular and hit lottery sales.

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During his speech, Mr Blair also promised to allow the people to decide how lottery money is spent. "It is the people's lottery," he said. "The people should get more out of it."

Chris Smith, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, said: "The Government promised that the lottery would benefit every man, woman and child in Britain. Instead, the distribution of money has become a joke. Labour will make sure that the lottery serves the people."

ANDRE CAMARA

Liz Davies after the acrimonious debate on her rejection as a Labour candidate

Delegates support NEC on rejection of Davies

By Jill Sherman and James Landale

CLARE SHORT was jeered and heckled by the Left yesterday as she defended the decision to bar Liz Davies as a parliamentary candidate. But delegates voted convincingly to back the National Executive Committee's refusal to endorse Ms Davies as a candidate for Leeds North East.

Ms Davies, a left-wing Islington councillor, left the conference hall close to tears after a brief, acrimonious debate where her supporters condemned the "intolerance" to the Left shown by the Labour leadership. She said later: "Never before has a candidate been denied endorsement merely because of her political views."

Ms Short, a member of the NEC and once regarded as a champion of the Left, was booed and slow-clapped as she declared that left-wing extremism within the party could endanger its chances of victory at the next election. She made it clear that Ms Davies had been rejected for her politics.

"We need candidates who respect party democracy and help to carry through and explain difficult decisions," she said. "On the basis of her views and record, it is impossible for the NEC to endorse Liz Davies."

The Labour Left suffered another blow yesterday when Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, failed to win support for his attempt to save Clause Four commitment to nationalisation. He later said that he was considering leaving the party. "Maybe it is the end of the affair in the sense that the party today voted to break any link with socialist commitment," he said.

Currency union 'depends on jobs growth'

By Nicholas Wood

UNEMPLOYMENT would have to drop sharply throughout the European Union before Labour signed up to a single currency, Robin Cook declared yesterday.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary was given a rapturous reception for his strongly pro-European rhetoric in which he derided the Tories' obsession with the past and portrayed Labour as the agent of constructive change in the EU, prepared to co-operate with fellow countries.

But Mr Cook also stiffened Labour's conditions for embarking on economic and monetary union, making it highly unlikely that a Labour government could meet the 1999 Maastricht deadline.

"Labour's condition for a single currency is convergence of economic performance in the real world in growth, output and jobs," Mr Cook said. "Jobs will be the bottom line in our judgment on whether to recommend to the British people that they join up to a single currency."

Echoing Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, Mr Cook delighted the conference by underlining his commitment to full employment and said that Labour wanted such a pledge written into the Maastricht Treaty when it was revised next year.

In a debate highlighting Labour's conversion to the European ideal, a succession of speakers insisted that the country's future lay with the EU while demanding action to help Europe's 17.5 million jobless, reform of the common agricultural policy and greater openness and democracy.

Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby, was heard almost in silence as he struck the only Euro-sceptic note in the debate, warning his party that a currency union was the path to economic ruin and the destruction of its hopes of getting people back to work. Labour's policy on Europe was escapist because it ignored the reality of the Maastricht Treaty and its proposals for a community "for bankers to rule in".

But the conference gave Mr Cook a standing ovation after he claimed that the Conservatives were paralysed by their divisions over Europe and that only Labour had a clear agenda for change. He said that when Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, set out his personal credo on foreign affairs, he quoted seven people — all of them dead. "Labour wants Britain to be part of the Europe of the future, not the Europe of the past."

Mr Cook received his biggest cheer when he promised that a Labour government would give "the people of Britain the same rights at work as people throughout Europe" by signing the social chapter.

£600m to strengthen police

PROPOSALS for an extra 3,000 police on the beat were put forward yesterday by Tony Blair as part of a renewed effort to tackle crime (Nicholas Wood writes).

One possible source of the £600 million cost would be cancellation of plans being studied by ministers for compulsory identity cards. Mr Blair said that law and order was a Labour issue, not least because the poor and the vulnerable suffered most from crime. He promised a nation-

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wide crime prevention programme in which councils would be under a legal duty to consult the police, residents, schools and firms about how to tackle local problems.

Mr Blair listed his measures: "Reform of the criminal justice system; a comprehensive programme to deal with juvenile offending; action to tackle drug abuse; proper treatment of victims and witnesses; tougher penalties on violence or guns; a crackdown on those who make life hell in their local neighbourhoods through noise or disturbance. But the truth is that the best two crime prevention policies are a job and a stable family."

Labour intends to educate children on the dangers of drugs. It also plans to promote access to rehabilitation and detoxification facilities, try to get guns off the streets and crack down on drug dealers and smugglers.

Back-to-work help for lone parents

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

PROPOSALS to get a million lone parents off benefit and into work, plus sweeping changes to state pensions, were announced by Tony Blair yesterday. He made clear that a Labour government would provide a range of incentives to cut the £85 billion social security bill by getting more people into jobs.

The party intends to adapt a scheme for lone parents operating in Australia. Under the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) programme, single mothers are given free child care and advice on education and training services.

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Under Labour's plan, lone parents would be encouraged to work with the employment service to develop a Career Development Plan, taking into account skills, child care needs and interests, to help obtain jobs. Labour would also change benefit rules which now discourage lone parents from earning more than £15 a week.

Single parents would no longer be "the butt of Tory propaganda," Mr Blair said.

He also proposed radical reforms of the state pension system to take into account private and occupational provision. Labour would take 1.5 million pensioners out of means tested benefit by giving them a minimum guaranteed pension. "Universal pensions . . . must remain the foundation of pension provision. But we can't cure pensioner poverty simply through the state pension," he said.

The Labour leader also announced that Labour would set up regional centres of medical excellence which would, over time, be connected via the information superhighway to cottage hospitals and GPs' surgeries so that diagnosis by experts could be backed up by local care.

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H-P claims its PA-8000 will outperform others

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Shortages hit 486 suppliers

A worldwide shortage of 486 chips is starting to make life difficult for system vendors as Intel shifts semiconductor production in favor of Pentium ch...

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HP lifts curtain on 64-bit chip, keeps mum on Intel project

Determined not to lose mind share in the processor game, Hewlett-Packard Co. last week provided a glimpse of its 64-bit PA-RISC 8000 architecture, which is still a year from delivery.

At the same time, officials at HP and Intel Corp. all but denied a wire service news report that said the results of the two companies' collaborative micro... processor development would re... in 1997 a...

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IBM, Motorola show off PowerPC 620 prototype; volume shipment expected in '95

IBM and Motorola are announcing the PowerPC 620 this week, the most advanced implementation of the PowerPC architecture to date.

As part of the announcement, the two companies introduced the first 620 prototype, with sample shipments to follow in the second quarter of 1995.

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IBM reiterates PowerPC commitment

IBM is expected to ship its long-awaited PowerPC desktop systems in June, but with a beta version of OS/2 for PowerPC, Lee Reiswig, general manager of the Personal Software Products division, said at an analyst conference in Orlando, Fla. ...

IBM accelerates revamp of OS/400; PowerPC version due later this year

As IBM ships the last of its promised OS/400 Release 3.1 components this week, it is paving the way for delivery of a completely redesigned, PowerPC-based OS/400 ...

their respective server platforms.

The stakes are high. IBM claimed an installed base of 300,000 AS/400s at the end of 1994, with sales growing by 50,000 units per ... applications ... nm. 3,000 ...nt/server ...

HP set to launch PA-8000 chip; systems not expected until 1996

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Sun Microsystems Inc.'s Sparc Technology Business and MIPS Technology Inc. have both announced the architecture of their next generation ... projected a year before they will appear in any ... products.

"It's sort of a liar's race," said Andrew Allison, editor of Inside the New Computer Industry. "The goalie keep going up."

The RISC chip makers are trying to prove they ... ...microchips advanced enough to not only ... ...each other but to also compete ... the gap in integer ... and ... ...ilder of the ...

Sun announces untested 64-bit chip

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compared to Digital's Alpha AXP 21164, which has a SPECint92 rating of 330.

HP, Sun's biggest rival, is shipping a PA-7150 processor that has a SPECint rating of 155 and next month will introduce the PA-7200, which is expected to have a SPECint92 rating of about 150.

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1997 date set for delivery of HP/Intel P7

Intel Corp. acknowledged last week that the P7 will be the first chip to come out of the alliance formed with ...

per second (see "Pentium now, VLIW later," Jan. 30, page 1).

The basic concept of the VLIW is to have the com...

PowerPC Much hype, little demand

PC Week via Fax: Hannover, Germany — IBM, Apple Computer ... and Motorola Inc. showed little restraint in hyping the PowerPC ... here last week, but in private, officials from the trolls ... ir standard isn't ready for prime time.

... range of PowerPC processors in the pipe that best Intel ... price/performance, lagging system and software ... continues to keep the PowerPC from breaking out of the ... niche and winning converts in the PC mainstream.

... going to take two to three years for us to really challenge Intel," ... Hester, general manager of IBM's Systems and Technology ... Division, in Austin, Texas. "I don't have illusions that this is an overnight dis...

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Advertising watchdog says lottery's drain on fundraising is driving pressure groups to mislead

Needy charities accused of resorting to sensationalism

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

COMPETITION from the National Lottery was blamed yesterday for "overzealous" and misleading advertising by charities that are struggling to attract donations.

The Advertising Standards Authority said that some charities, which had complained about a decline in income since the launch of the lottery, had felt the need "to develop creative and eye-catching advertisements in order to survive". A few, however, had overstepped the line between "presenting a distressing but accurate picture of their cause and misinforming people".

The authority singled out the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and the International Fund for Animal Welfare for "exaggerating and stretching the truth".

Greenpeace was condemned for claiming in a newspaper advertisement that "the same chemicals we dump into our seas are causing willies to shrink in size". The advert, in *The Guardian*, was headlined "You're not half the man your father was", and reproduced part of a fresco showing a man's abdomen.

Greenpeace provided the authority with research that said chemicals were suspected to be the main cause of an increase in testicular cancer and urethral abnormalities, and of a reduction in sperm counts, but the ASA ruled that there was no conclusive link. It rejected other complaints, however, about the "gratuitous" display of nudity.

The authority upheld several complaints from the public and the timber industry about a cinema advertisement for Friends of the Earth. It showed a toilet with a mahogany seat overflowing with blood, and the voice-over said: "It costs a lot to have a toilet seat made from the Earth's last mahogany trees. Mahogany furniture costs blood."

The authority banned the advertisement because several of the factual claims, including that the harvesting of mahogany trees had led to the widespread murder of Brazilian Indians, could not be substantiated.

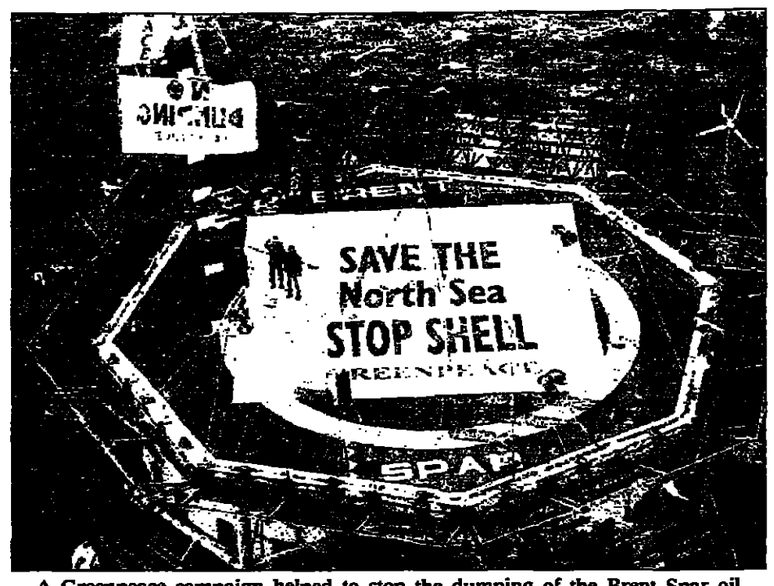
Charles Secrett, executive director of Friends of the Earth, said the authority had been given voluminous evidence to support the advertisement. "We can back up our facts ... we will continue to object to this ruling until the ASA admit they are wrong."

The authority upheld complaints, including one from the British Field Sports Society, about four national press advertisements for the International Fund for Animal Welfare which appeared to compare those who did not support the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill to the serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer. The irrelevance of the comparison and the heinous nature of Dahmer's crimes made the advertisements shocking and offensive, the authority ruled.

Also banned was an NSPCC cinema advertisement showing an unborn baby in the womb reacting to a violent argument between its parents. It ended with the words: "How many thousands of children grow up to wish they had never been born?" The authority said that the NSPCC could not prove that a foetus could be emotionally disturbed by hostility around it, and the distress that the advert could cause, particularly to pregnant women, was unjustified.

The authority said that sensationalism could be counterproductive: "It can do damage to the image of the charity and to the advertising industry if claims and statistics used cannot stand up to scrutiny."

A magazine advertisement for exorcism was also banned. The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God said headaches, depression, insomnia and the break-up of relationships could be symptoms of demons and claimed its pastors could cure "possession". The ASA said that the advertisement could exploit "vulnerable people".



A Greenpeace campaign helped to stop the dumping of the Brent Spar oil platform but a claim about chemicals damaging male health was rejected

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This advertisement for exorcism was banned because of fears that it could exploit "vulnerable people"

THE RULINGS

■ **Claim.** Greenpeace said: "It's true. Scientists have shown that the same chemicals that we dump into our seas are causing willies to shrink in size." **Fact.** Scientists are linking thousands of man-made chemicals with a range of sexual abnormalities and diseases including penis size. But researchers have yet to prove this.

■ **Claim.** Friends of the Earth implied that there was widespread slaughter of native Indians by loggers harvesting Brazilian mahogany for Britain, that the wood is endangered and that it only comes from Brazil. **Fact.** Murder is not widespread, the wood is not officially listed as endangered and it comes from numerous sources.

■ **Claim.** The International Fund for Animal Welfare claimed hunts destroy 5,000 surplus foxhounds annually using the slogan: "You know they kill foxes. Guess what they do to foxhounds?" **Fact.** The figure is speculative and the fund could not prove it to the ASA.

Censure widens Greenpeace credibility gap

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Advertising Standards Authority's ruling marks a further dent in Greenpeace's credibility as a scientifically sound organisation after its admission that estimates on the amount of oil in the Brent Spar were flawed.

There is certainly growing alarm among researchers that thousands of manmade chemicals, from detergents to transformer fluids, are behind the sharp drop in sperm counts and an increase in cases of sex organ diseases.

The implication that scientists have proved that manmade chemicals are causing impotence in men may seem mild enough. Unfortunately, the discredited advertisement follows a growing tally of scientifically dubious claims made by Greenpeace in the name of saving the planet.

In 1994 its knuckles were rapped by the ASA over an advertisement showing a child with a swollen head. The group linked the distressing image with Soviet nuclear tests. The truth is that water on the brain, the condition the child had, cannot be caused by exposure to radiation.

Other notable cases in which Greenpeace's science, used to support dire warnings, has proved flawed include the *Brent* oil tanker disaster off the Shetlands. Greenpeace said that the pollution would cause widespread damage to the marine environment. It did not.

The fine line over which Greenpeace keeps straying was brought into sharp focus during the battle with Shell over Brent Spar. The company, the Government and a series of oceanographers had always insisted that deep-sea disposal was the safest option and that the quantity of pollutants on board were negligible. But the Greenpeace "science", based on a hasty dipping of the Spar's tanks, was believed by the public, which rejected the official version. The campaign prompted the oil company's eleventh-hour decision to abandon deep-sea disposal.

Greenpeace argues that the world does not have time to wait for mainstream scientists. By the time researchers have fully proved (or disproved) the link between chemicals and damage to sexual organs, it may be too late.

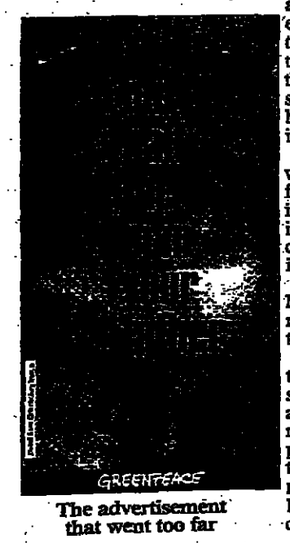
Greenpeace is also keen to portray itself as the David fighting the Goliath of vested industry and politicians in a dirty war. Greenpeace is no longer a David: it is a Goliath in its own right, able to force one of the world's biggest oil companies into a humiliating U-turn.

Groups such as Greenpeace play a key role in bringing vital issues to the fore and adding to public debate. However, for the environmentalists to turn to science to support their aims is only laudable if they subject themselves to the same scientific strictures used by independent research institutes.

Unless the group keeps within the bounds of scientific fact, it runs the risk of devaluing its cause and exposing itself to the kind of public cynicism reserved for politicians and corporations.

The media, generally friendly to its stunts, is also feeling manipulated and may choose to ignore Greenpeace's battles.

Friends of the Earth, also in the ASA dock yesterday, should take note. It has just appointed Uta Bellion, formerly of Greenpeace, as campaigns director. This traditionally milder and more modest group copies the publicity machine of its bigger cousin at its peril.



The advertisement that went too far

Nuclear protesters invade press briefing

BY A STAFF REPORTER

POLICE were called in yesterday when environmental activists invaded a news conference to protest at a consignment of weapons-grade nuclear fuel being shipped to Britain for reprocessing.

More than 30 protesters — including members of Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Caithness against Nuclear Dumping — burst into the Caledonian Hotel in Inverness as officials from the Dounreay nuclear reprocessing plant were announcing a £17.5 million decommissioning package.

Environmental pressure groups have been campaigning against the shipment of 52 spent nuclear fuel rods which arrived at Dounreay, Highland, from Germany on Monday night. Activists say the shipment clears the way for thousands of American weapons-grade fuel rods to be sent to Dounreay for reprocessing.

A small band of protesters met the two lorries carrying the German shipment when the vessel transporting them across the North Sea docked at Scrabster harbour.

Police maintained a high profile as the lorries drove to Dounreay and one demonstrator was arrested. Dounreay officials said the spent fuel would be reprocessed early next year but they rejected Greenpeace claims that the operation posed a serious risk to the environment.

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Howard tells police to back the victim in 'have a go' cases

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR police officers should use common sense when deciding whether to charge people who use force to defend their homes and families against criminals, Michael Howard said yesterday.

The Home Secretary said there was public unease about the way the criminal justice system dealt with such "have-a-go" cases. He said it would be better if officers consulted the Crown Prosecution Service before acting and revealed that the Government had asked Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, to look at "the kind of circumstances in which a prosecution is really necessary".

He told the national conference of the Police Superintendents' Association in Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, that greater sensitivity was needed. "It is in the interests of no one — not the police, not the Crown Prosecution Service and certainly not the public — for criminal proceedings to be started against those who have done no more than was reasonable to defend themselves, their families and their property."

He did not advocate action by vigilantes or the public taking the law into their own hands. But the people who were the real victims of a crime were caused needless worry by having to wait weeks to discover if action was to be taken against them.

There were cases where the violence used was excessive and prosecution was justified, but Mr Howard said he suspected they were few and far between. His call comes after a series of cases that have caused public concern. Last month Francesco Gargano, a car dealer from southwest London, was cleared of assault after stabbing a burglar.

Earlier in the year Ted Newbury, an old age pensioner, was cleared after shooting a burglar at his allotment shed and in June 1993 the Attorney-General decided not to prosecute Tony Evans, 66, who shot a burglar in the knees during a struggle at his home in Pluckley, Kent. In a speech which will find support among Tory party supporters preparing for next week's party conference, Mr Howard also questioned whether courts were being tough enough on criminals. He said there was still public dismay over sentencing and he was surprised that only 10 per cent of first-time burglars went to jail.

The average sentence for all first offenders was 3.7 months and only four months for those with ten or more previous convictions. The upper limit was six months but offenders could be sent to crown courts for longer sentences to be imposed. The average term for a jailed first-time burglar was 14 months and for those with ten or more previous convictions it was 17.6 months.

Replying to calls for new powers to deal with convicted paedophiles, Mr Howard added that he would seriously consider requiring them to register with police and banning them for life from any work with children.

TONY WHITE

Alan Borg inspecting the sculpture gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum where he started work this week as director. Dr Borg, former director general of the Imperial War Museum, takes over from Elizabeth Esteve-Coll

Woman crushed in bag snatch

A woman was crushed under a van after the passenger leant out of the window and tried to steal her bag. The 77-year-old victim tried to hold on to the bag and fell under the back wheels as the van sped off.

The woman, from Wibsey, Bradford, was in a stable condition in hospital yesterday with serious leg and pelvis injuries. Detective Inspector Michael Field said: "It seems she did put up a struggle, which led to the horrible consequences."

Rapist's penalty

Sylvester Semper, 33, who was jailed for eight years for raping a woman at knifepoint, had his sentence increased to life imprisonment yesterday by the Court of Appeal after three judges held that the sentence was "unduly lenient".

Public eyes

Edinburgh District Council is to use private detectives to investigate complaints against residents on housing estates where witnesses are too frightened to testify because of fear of reprisals. Similar schemes operate in Sunderland and Motherwell.

Three charged

Three men from Irlam, Greater Manchester, were charged with the manslaughter of Paul Nixon, 35, a Crystal Palace fan who died in April before an FA Cup semi-final in Birmingham. They were among ten accused of violent disorder.

Power of nature

An area once chosen to be the site of an atomic power station has been given the status of a national nature reserve. The site of more than 700 acres at Newtown, Isle of Wight, was taken over by the National Trust 30 years ago after the atomic plan failed.

A time to learn

Pupils at Monkseaton Community College in North Tyneside have double bad reputation for truancy that they have been given free alarm clocks. Staff appealed to local companies to pay for 230 clocks for the new intake of 11-year-olds.

Fishermen saved

Three fishermen were rescued after their boat sank in the Irish Sea. Two helicopters and two lifeboats were scrambled when the *Irene Chalmers* began taking in water about seven miles off Blackpool. The men were treated for hypothermia.

InterCity attacked over £10 minimum

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MANAGERS on the East Coast main railway line have been criticised for imposing a £10 minimum charge for tickets bought by credit card over the telephone.

The move, which comes into effect on Monday, will mean the price of a standard single between Grantham and Peterborough, which currently costs £6.40, increasing by 56 per cent if bought by credit card. A £7.10 day return between Darlington, Newcastle upon Tyne will go up by 40 per cent.

Ronnie Campbell, Labour MP for Blyth Valley, said: "This is another terrible example of the poor customer being exploited by the big money men. I know of lots of people who travel on a regional basis and need to book tickets in advance over the phone."

A spokesman for InterCity East Coast, which operates services between London King's Cross and Edinburgh and has been electrified at a cost of £500 million, said it was uneconomic for telephone sales clerks to process credit card bookings of less than £10.

Susan enjoyed a glass of wine after a hard day at the office. She was a Nationwide borrower and had been thinking about moving house when she heard the news. "Nationwide have lowered their standard variable rate to 7.95% APR 8.3% (variable) and are rewarding their existing customers with a special preferential discount rate" came a voice from her transistor radio. Oh my..." Susan cried "...that means when I move home I'll save up to £236 a month, get a £500 cashback and a free valuation." Susan cleared up the spillage and poured herself some fine Champagne – this was definitely a day to remember. She'd visit a Nationwide branch tomorrow or call free on 0800 30 20 10, quoting ref. PUS5.

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Pledge to save Aviemore's serenity

Property tycoon buys Scottish resort for £7.5m

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

ONE of Britain's most colourful entrepreneurs has bought the Cairngorm ski resort of Aviemore for £7.5 million. Desmond Bloom, 49, who was once bodyguard to Screaming Lord Sutch and who tried to make his name as a pop star, is planning a multimillion-pound redevelopment of the Highland holiday village.

Mr Bloom, who is chairman of Premier Land, played guitar in the 1960s with the bands The Heartbeats and The Druids. He has bought the ski resort from De Veer Investments. Yesterday he said: "I fell in love with the place the moment I saw it. I realised its enormous potential and wanted it for my company. I am extremely proud to have secured the sale.

"Aviemore is in a beautiful location and its remoteness is part of its magical appeal. I am confident that we can develop that to attract visitors from throughout the world."

Mr Bloom, a multimillionaire, is planning to build a swimming pool and fitness centre, 71 new holiday chalets, a high-tech museum of Scottish history and to convert the existing 700-seat cinema to a two-screen complex. Much of the £16 million development will be funded by grant aid, he said.

The acquisition covers more than 100 acres and includes four hotels, a conference centre and theatre, children's theme park and an ice rink. The resort was built in the 1960s by the House of Fraser group. The late Lord Fraser wanted to turn it into the St Moritz of the Highlands and Aviemore quickly became an internationally popular year-round resort for skiers.

But in recent years there has been little investment and locals say Aviemore has become run down. They are sceptical about Mr Bloom's plans and say they have heard similar ideas from previous owners.

Bloom: he fell in love with Highland resort

Mr Bloom is the latest in a line of colourful landlords who have been seduced by the beauty and remoteness of the Highlands. He was born in Whitechapel and brought up in Ilford, east London. When he left school at 15 with no qualifications, his report said: "This boy will never go anywhere."

When he failed to find stardom with rock bands, he became a driver and minder for Screaming Lord Sutch, who had formed a band. He then went into property development. In 1984 he invested in a small Irish textile company called Dwyer to take his interests public. Dwyer's shares rocketed but later slumped and Mr Bloom, who had a Bentley and a salary in excess of £250,000, stepped down as chairman before taking over Premier Land.

The acquisition of Aviemore increases the value of Premier Land's property portfolio to about £100 million. It is the company's first diversification into leisure activities. Discussions have already taken place with the Highland Regional Council, the Scottish Tourist Board and the Scottish Office over development funds.

If successful in securing grant assistance, Premier Land hopes to market the resort as a venue for sporting events and an ideal location for filming.

Business and community leaders expressed doubts about the plans yesterday. Ian Malcolm, chairman of Aviemore Community Council, said: "Like most people in Aviemore, I'll believe it when I see it. We've seen too many big plans fall through."

Ian Turner, of Aviemore Chamber of Commerce, said: "We have been listening to this kind of thing for over ten years and we have not seen anything happen yet."

But Nicol Manson, chairman of the Highland Tourist Board, said: "It is widely recognised that the resort needs upgrading and a project of this magnitude needs funding from local authorities and other bodies. Premier Land has a very good case, and I wish them well."

Mr Bloom said: "If anyone can make a go of Aviemore, I can. I'm not some high-handed landlord coming up from the South of England. We have quite a bit of property already in Scotland and I am not going to do anything which would destroy the beauty of the Cairngorms."

MICHAEL POWELL

John Mortimer with Sir Michael's daughter Joanna. The writer said: "Something wonderful has gone."

Stars fish for memories of Hordern

FRIENDS of Sir Michael Hordern gave him their highest tribute yesterday: he would rather have been out fishing than hearing what they were all saying about him.

Stars arrived in force for a memorial service at the actors' church, St Paul's in Covent Garden, central London. Although his career spanned a range from *King Lear* to the voice of Paddington Bear, most of the speeches recalled his passion for angling.

John Mortimer, author of *Rumpole of the Bailey*, said: "You would far rather be up to your waders in some trout stream."

Sir Michael died earlier this year in hospital in Oxford. Yesterday's service — held on what would have been his 84th birthday — was arranged by his long-time woman friend, Patricia England, and his daughter by his late wife Eve, Joanna Curzon. Miss England was close to tears as she read one of their favourite poems, *Code Poem for French Resistance*, which begins: "The life that I have is all that I have, and the life that I have is yours."

Patricia English yesterday and right, her long-time friend Sir Michael: "The life that I have is yours"

Michael Williams, Dame Judi Dench, Timothy West, Tom Stoppard and Richard Briers all gave readings, mostly about fish. The congregation was reminded of Sir Michael's excitement, recorded in his diary of Wednesday, June 12, 1935, the day he caught his first salmon on the River Dart.

During the Second World War, he saw distinguished service with the Royal Navy. In his acting career he was proud of having no formal training, as he told young hopefuls who wrote asking for help. He once said: "Some are born to act, some are not. I regret not learning fencing, which may affect one's *Hamlet*, but that's about it."

John Mortimer, who wrote his first play, *Dock Brief*, 40 years ago, with Hordern as the lead, said: "Something great and wonderful has gone from our world."

Frank Middlemass recalled them playing in so many versions of *King Lear*. Hordern had remarked that they were turning into a double act like the Crazy Gang team Nervo and Knox. Asked which one he would be, Hordern replied: "Nervo, it's better billing."

Girl, 14, gets life for gay murder

By Gillian Bowditch

A GIRL of 14 was jailed for life yesterday for the brutal murder of a homosexual man. She was part of a gang that had attacked two other gay men on the same evening. Two teenage boys and a 20-year-old man were also sentenced to life for the murder.

Claire Codona, a pupil at Shawlands Academy in Glasgow, had denied the murder of Michael Doran, 35, from Govanhill, Glasgow. When she was found guilty at the High Court in Glasgow, Lord Morison, the trial judge, said it was in the public's interest that she be named.

As she was led away, Codona's mother screamed from the public gallery: "No, no. She never done it."

Codona's co-accused, her boyfriend John Cairns, 18, who had also pleaded not guilty, and Richard Bell, 20, and Richard Ferguson, 16, who changed their pleas to guilty midway through the trial, were all sentenced to life.

The murder happened on June 2 in Queen's Park, Glasgow. Colin Boyd, QC, for the prosecution, said the gang had homed in "like predatory animals" on three men.

Two escaped, having been kicked, punched, threatened with a knife and robbed. Then the gang ambushed Mr Doran, described by his family as a quiet, gentle man.

He was stabbed repeatedly in the groin, and his face and head were stamped on. Two policemen found him and he was taken to hospital, where he was found to have severe brain damage and died shortly afterwards. Every bone in his skull was broken.

The three youths, their clothes still drenched in blood, gatecrashed a party near by and boasted about what they had done. Codona was arrested next day. Gordon Jackson, QC, defending, said she had been pressured for hours by two policewomen into admitting that she had kicked Mr Doran "once on the foot". She had consistently denied doing anything else.

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Berlin digs deep to reconstruct a sense of purpose

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

BERLIN, five years after unification, is in a state of upheaval. There is the perpetual thud-thud of pneumatic drills as workers rebuild the no man's land between East and West. Soon there will be no more fashionable office site than on the former Death Strip.

The Oberbaum bridge is taking the changes very calmly. For five decades, the city of bridges became a city of sudden cul-de-sacs. Bridges across the River Spree and the canals were blocked with concrete, or became border crossings like Glienicke, the scene of East-West exchanges between spies and dissidents.

During the Cold War, the main East-West traffic over Oberbaum bridge was pensioners, free to visit relatives and return. Klara Mandelbaum, a walnut-faced 83-year-old, was one of them, and she can barely grasp that the bridge is nothing nowadays but an ordinary river crossing.

Since last November, the Oberbaum, suitably restored, has again been opened for normal traffic. There is now a physical link between the western district of Kreuzberg and the eastern Friedrichshain. The psychological upheaval in these two districts is becoming evident. Kreuzberg was on the eastern periphery of the divided city, surrounded on three sides by the Berlin Wall. The monied middle class had no wish to live there. Tenement buildings were allowed to crumble and were bought up cheaply by speculators who rented out to the poor: to Turkish and Kurdish families, to punks and to students. You went to Kreuzberg for the jazz clubs or the Turkish restaurants, but there was always the feeling that you were on the cusp of the Western world.

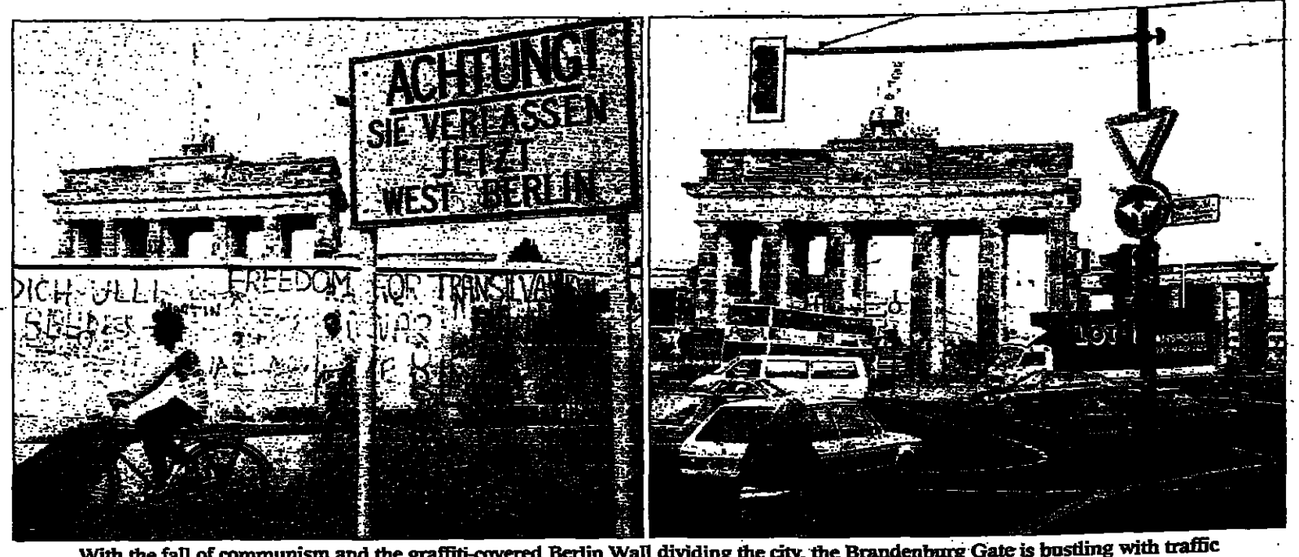
The wall is down, the bridge is working and suddenly traffic is streaming through the district which is no longer on the margins. Ten years ago, the traffic lights did not function or did not exist; Anatolian teenagers in clapped-out second-hand cars would race down the broad empty streets.

Now schoolchildren are being knocked down by lorries crisscrossing Berlin as they take the quickest route from Eastern Europe into the city centre. There are other changes too: neon-lit nightclubs glitter until dawn and gentrified restaurants employ doormen to park the Porsches.

Old photographs show the Oberbaum and the Glienicke bridges to have been lively places. The Oberbaum was built in 1896 for an international exhibition at Treptow Park upstream. An electric railway took Berliners across the river. Ships from the nearby eastern harbour chugged under the bridge, while trams and horsedrawn taxis ran over it.

Today, Berlin is trying to recreate this sense of movement and industry. On the eastern side of the bridge, in Friedrichshain, this is already apparent. The Cold War crippled the district — houses had to be pulled down to clear the line of fire for border guards. Now there are offices, warehouses, a few bars: everywhere a sense of movement. Berlin is discovering new economic possibilities that are actually not new at all, but rather rooted in the almost forgotten pre-war era. Memories merge in a way specific only to Berlin. The other day, three of us — an engineer, a local amateur historian and myself — walked along the waterfront near the Oberbaum. The engineer came to a set of steps and pointed out a makeshift cross: "A young defector was shot there in 1989, the year the wall came down," he said. The historian knew more. "Those were the steps that people used to board the imperial yacht."

Somehow, Berlin has to hang on to and transcend these memories as it rediscovers the corners of the once and future German capital.



With the fall of communism and the graffiti-covered Berlin Wall dividing the city, the Brandenburg Gate is bustling with traffic

Youths on rampage

Düsseldorf: Political, administrative and religious figures, including Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, marked the fifth anniversary of German unification with a solemn ceremony in this northwestern city yesterday amid a heavy police presence to keep resentful young troublemakers at bay.

The ceremonies began with an ecumenical religious service and continued with speeches that acknowledged the still-unfinished state of the country's unification, as some 3,000 police stood by on alert. In the early hours of the national holiday, youths smashed the windows of a department store and a bank and threw paving stones at police who arrived on the scene, but no injuries were reported.

In the formal ceremony, key speakers addressed the problem of achieving social unity between east and west Germans. *(AFP)*

Falklands oilfields on offer

London: More than 44,000 square miles of potentially oil-rich seabed in the territorial waters round the Falkland Islands went on offer to international oil companies yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

With the British Geological Survey predicting similarities to the North Sea, Falkland Islanders are anticipating huge finds. About 80 oil conglomerates have expressed interest.

After last month's joint declaration between Britain and Argentina, discoveries of oil or gas will have no implications for Falkland Islands sovereignty.

French plea for Pacific dialogue

Paris: France called for dialogue with South Pacific nations after the region's 16-nation forum suspended ties with Paris over the resumption of nuclear testing in French Polynesia. Jacques Rummelhardt, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that France was waiting for more information on the South Pacific Forum move, saying: "We want dialogue with all the countries in the region."

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Village buried in mudslide

Cabalantian: Floating bodies and thousands of houses with only their roofs showing were about all that was left of this Philippines village of 15,000 people yesterday after it vanished in a mountain of mud.

Fifty people died and 100 were missing after tropical storm Sibyl struck at the weekend, causing floods, landslides and mudflows in the region. *(Reuter)*

200 die in Tamil guerrilla battle

Colombo: At least 200 people were killed as Sri Lankan troops and Tamil Tiger rebels fought on the Jaffna peninsula for a third day, the Sri Lankan Army said. Another 45 Tigers and soldiers were killed in a failed rebel attack off the east coast. Rebel radio reported that 50,000 residents were homeless. *(Reuter)*

Coup foiled

Freetown: Troops loyal to Sierra Leone's military Government foiled a coup attempt by officers opposed to plans to end military rule. Six officers were arrested and two lieutenants were on the run. *(Reuter)*

Norway fights for its role in defence

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN OSLO

NORWAY is seeking an alliance with Britain to stop Brussels taking over the Western European Union, a situation that would leave the founding Nato member out in the cold when European Union members take common defence decisions.

Bjorn Godal, Norway's Foreign Minister, flies to London for talks tomorrow with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and will urge him to speak forcefully at the coming Inter-Governmental Conference against EU absorption of the WEU.

Norway, which voted against EU membership in a referendum last year, fears this new move could exclude it from a broader European dialogue with America. "We could be faced with the strange situation where we have to ask Washington what is going on in the European pillar of Nato," Mr Godal said in an interview yesterday.

Norway shared the worries of non-EU Nato members — Iceland and Turkey — that any attempt to turn the WEU into the EU's defence arm would weaken it as the European pillar of Nato. The only alternative, as proposed by the Dutch, was to let Norway to take part in EU council meetings on defence. After the hotly contested referendum, such a move would be extremely divisive in Norway.

Norway is also a vigorous supporter of British attempts to prevent any federalist initiative at next year's IGC. Mr Godal, admitting he wanted a different referendum outcome, said Norway must realise it would have less influence in the EU than Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

It has, nevertheless, moved swiftly in the past year to ensure it is not isolated. It has set up its own IGC committee to monitor EU preparations; increased co-operation with Nordic neighbours to solicit early warning of EU proposals; taken measures, to be amplified in the budget presented to the Storting (parliament), to meet the criteria for Economic and Monetary Union; and demanded early on that Brussels agree to the maximum consultation laid down by its membership of the European Economic Area.

Economically, Norway, with its huge oil resources, suffers almost no setback from its "no" vote. But it needs a new role and has found one as the Nordic bridge between America, the EU and Russia, replacing Finland — underlined by Mr Godal's talks today with Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister.

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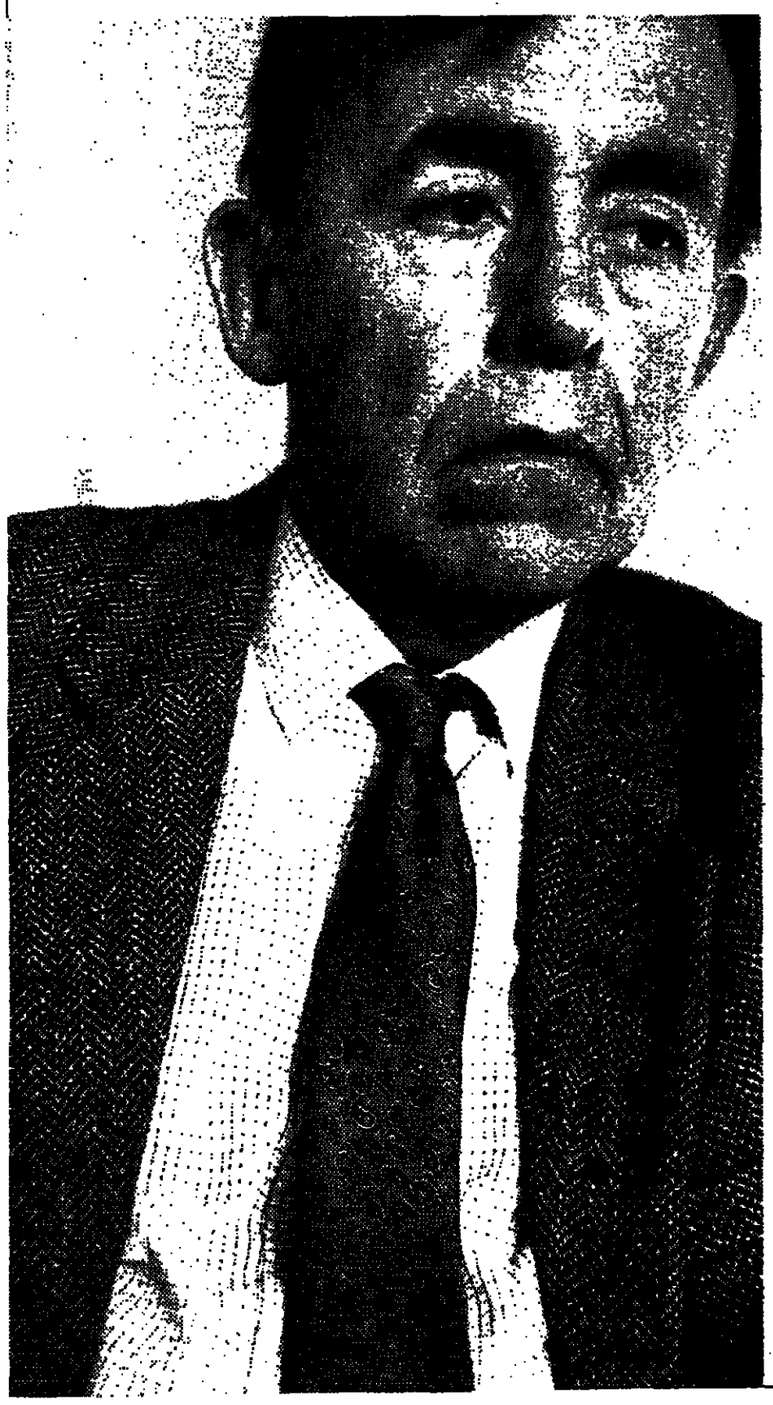

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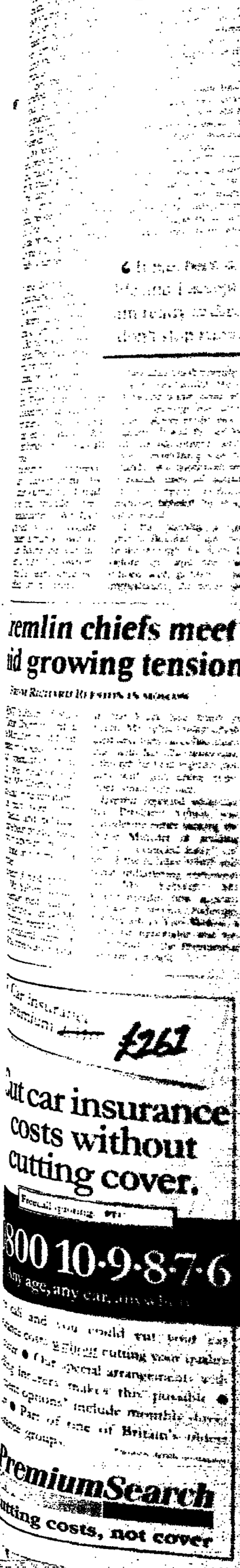

'One comrade had prepared a grenade in case one of us should be too badly hurt to go on'

Flight of terror as ruthless Serbs trap the Tigers

Anthony Loyd, a former Green Jackets officer, and a special correspondent for The Times, was with advancing Bosnian forces when they were routed by a surprise Serb counter-attack near the village of Vrh Polje, eight miles south of Sanski Most

I HAVE never seen such fear in the eyes of soldiers; never felt so powerless beneath its weight. The front has disintegrated. The Serbs are upon us. The brigade is collapsing. We are under attack on three sides. The air is shrieking with flying metal and whizzing shot. We panic and flee.

There are 600 yards of open ground to the nearest treeline, and it is being raked with anti-aircraft fire. Speed is our only hope and in our fear we throw down whatever equipment we can. Even a flak jacket is ditched in the grass: 25lbs of body armour is little use against the shells exploding around us.

I know the rules of this battlefield: I know what happened to the Croats who surrendered in Vukovar and to the Muslims who gave up in Srebenica. They are dead, and I do not believe for a moment that a press card will save me from a shallow grave. My fear turns to dread at the thought of the captors' mutilating knives. I envy the soldiers running beside me for their pistols. One of my three comrades has prepared a grenade in case one of us should be too badly wounded to go on.

An elite Bosnian brigade had pushed forward along a narrow 12-mile-long salient and been ordered to turn the Serb flank. But the troops were exhausted. They had been fighting for three weeks, advancing on foot over more than 60 miles of mountainous terrain. Their commanders had insisted that they launch a further offensive, but the decision had led to catastrophe. And with hindsight, it was all so obvious.

On the evening of the previous day, accompanied by three other journalists, I had moved to the brigade's forward headquarters. We had been invited by the brigade commander, a man known as The Tiger. Before the war he had been a nightclub owner, but in the 3½ years since he had pulled off a string of dazzling operations, using initiative seldom encouraged by the Sarajevo command. But now he, too, was exhausted and the night's orders were filled with a sense of foreboding.

After a fireside meal of roast veal, each commander gave similar situation reports. "Our men are exhausted," they said. "Our artillery munitions need to be replenished."

The soldiers' faces were deeply lined and hollow-eyed. Even the arrival of "Juta's Babies", a unit made up of some of the youngest men, did little to dispel the air of fatigue: usually garrulous and wild, they also stood silently before their commander. We moved forward under cover of darkness, leaving our armoured Land Rover at the base of the salient. It was the last we saw of our equipment: within 12 hours everything was in Serb hands. We continued on foot through lines of advancing troops, their silhouettes hunched beneath the weight of equipment.

In the morning, a special unit of Bosnian Tiger troops broke through the Serb lines before us, and the valley echoed with gunfire. Almost immediately, the Serbs were launching their own attack, driving a strong force through the lines behind us. Desperate voices crackled over radios requesting reinforcements and, in a bid to stem the Serb incursion, the Bosnian offensive halted almost as soon as it had begun, as the troops redeployed to face the new Serb threat. The Tiger troops, alone and deep in Serb lines, withdrew hurriedly, returning to our hamlet carrying the body of their commander, killed by a single bullet.

> "It has been a good life and I accept that I am ready to die. But I don't stop running"

The situation deteriorates rapidly. Units of second-rate reservists holding the rear lines also break and run beneath Serb fire. Isolated and far forward, the sound of incoming artillery and gunfire grows louder, creeping closer. A Serb Galeb jet flies bombing runs above, sending its payload into the hillside beyond. Nato, embarrassed by the influence on battlefield events of its previous actions, seems to have given up policing the United Nations "no-fly" zones.

Around us the expressions of the Bosnian troops become pensive, their laughter replaced by lengthy silences. Everyone is chain-smoking and listening intently to the radio. But the Serbs have intercepted their frequencies and the desperate pleas of Bosnian commanders calling for fresh troops are broken by Serb voices, swearing.

The brigade commander leaves us, taking with him a group of Tiger troops to respond to a particular crisis nearby. He does not return, and the doom-laden atmosphere intensifies. As a fresh battle erupts on the crestline above the hamlet, a soldier runs in, telling us that the line around us is broken, that the unit between us and the Serbs has run. Fear overtakes us like a sudden fever. My heart is about to pump itself out of my chest cavity, and my brain is emptying of rational thought. My only urge is to run.

The troops panic and try to escape without a thought of their duties as a unit. The command structure is turned on its head, and if there is one man there to whom I owe my life, it is a junior commander called Maja. While a battalion commander stands besides him in shocked dumbness, Maja halts and reorganises a terrified group.

There is one vehicle, already overloaded with ammunition and mortars; as it tries to pull away, a young Tiger soldier implores its crew to take the body of his commander, a cousin. They refuse. "Fine," he tells them quietly, tapping his grenade launcher. "Go now if you want without him, and I will kill you all with this." They load the body on to the vehicle and spin away down a track.

We begin our escape, spurred on by a burst of anti-aircraft fire from the Serbs who are now at the edge of the hamlet. The rounds crack through a tree beside us. There is no possible cover, no alternative but to run for our lives. I cannot see how we shall not be mown down by the fire around us.

I am in terror of being hit in the legs and left behind. I trust the soldier beside me to give me his pistol if I am wounded and can go no further. I think of my mother and sister, of a group of close friends, of people that I have loved and who have loved me.

Some stillness comes to me. It has been a good life and I accept that I am ready to die. But I don't stop running.

In the trees I am surprised to find myself alive. We gather our breath, sprawling occasionally on the ground as shells whine overhead. Although in cover at last, we are still about ten miles from the Bosnian lines that are holding firm, and the Serbs are closing in. Our thoughts begin to gel.

We are together again: four journalists and 14 Bosnian soldiers. What happened to the others, I do not know. Across the plain, artillery is ripping into the ground around the route taken by most of the fleeing group. I thank God that we stayed with Maja.

For four hours we move through an empty landscape of deserted hamlets, dead livestock, and fallen crucifixes, growing more confident in the silence around us. We begin to laugh a little, but are afraid to relax too much. Our panic may have gone, but our position is far from enviable.

We reach Bosnian lines in the darkness. Fresh soldiers are arriving, and Bosnian officers are turning their retreating troops back into the hills to face the Serbs. The rout has stopped. The line is being re-established: the Serb advance contained.

Some wounded soldiers stand quietly beside a bridge waiting for evacuation, smoking and whispering among themselves. Nearby the Tiger soldier whose cousin is dead starts to cry silently beside a river.

A Bosnian Serb watches a Muslim tank burn near Vucja Luka in central Bosnia. The vehicle was abandoned during a Bosnian Serb assault

Sarajevo guns defy UN and open fire

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian Army began firing at Bosnian Serb gun positions from Sarajevo yesterday in overt violation of orders from the United Nations. The action could undermine the forced truce around the Bosnian capital and stall the American-led Balkan peace initiative.

In response to the government attacks, the Bosnian Serbs requested UN permission to move their heavy weapons back into the 12½-mile exclusion zone around Sarajevo. Denying the request, the UN issued a stern protest to the Bosnian Government, calling its attack "outrageous".

The Bosnian Serbs reluctantly moved out most of their heavy guns last month after more than two weeks of Nato air raids. At the time, the UN instructed the Bosnian Government not to launch any attacks from the capital. But yesterday the UN said that government forces fired all day long from four points in a planned and co-ordinated attack on Serb positions outside the exclusion zone near Trnovo, south of Sarajevo.

The government action comes as Richard Holbrooke, the American envoy to the *former Yugoslavia, is trying* to negotiate a cessation of hostilities around the Bosnian capital. UN officials said the Bosnian move was potentially explosive, because if the Bosnian Serbs move back their heavy artillery and besiege the capital, there would be "no will to stop them".

In Zagreb, the UN said it uncovered evidence that Croatian soldiers had massacred nine elderly Serb men and women last Thursday in the village of Varivode, 13 miles southwest of Knin — territory the Croatians captured in August.

Kremlin chiefs meet amid growing tension

FROM RICHARD BESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin of Russia and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, held their first meeting in weeks yesterday amid speculation that strains in the relationship could lead to Mr Chernomyrdin's dismissal or resignation.

For the past week, the Russian media and political sources have been predicting a showdown in a power struggle that has gone on for most of the summer.

At the heart of the dispute is whether Mr Yeltsin should seek re-election next year or make way for the assertive Mr Chernomyrdin, regarded by many as his natural successor. During his three-week holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Mr Yeltsin twice scheduled and then cancelled meetings with Mr Chernomyrdin, although he held regular contacts with just about every other senior minister.

Izvestia reported yesterday that President Yeltsin was considering either sacking the Prime Minister or sending him on "extended leave". On top of the holiday rebuff and some unflattering comments by Mr Yeltsin, Mr Chernomyrdin now appears to have a serious challenger for his job in Yuri Skokov, a hardline nationalist and former head of the Presidential Security Council.

Macedonia leader survives car bomb attack by militants

BY JAMES PETTIFER

Gligorov: believed to be critically injured

PRESIDENT GLIGOROV of Macedonia survived a car bomb attack yesterday that killed his driver and seriously injured three bystanders in central Skopje.

Doctors at the capital's main hospital said that Mr Gligorov, 78, suffered head injuries but was conscious and able to talk while being treated. But diplomatic reports said he was critically injured.

The attempted assassination is likely to mark a new phase in the struggle for the former Yugoslav republic. Although no group has claimed responsibility, it is almost certain that the perpetrators were extreme nationalists from one of the various factions within the Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organisation (IMRO). Radio reports said that police had arrested two men and sealed the borders.

President Gligorov has been under serious pressure from nationalists within his party and IMRO over his concessions to Greece on the flag and constitution of the republic, in the American-brokered deal with Greece at the end of last month. The last straw was the President's visit to Belgrade over the weekend and his agreement with President Milosevic of Serbia to a draft agreement that would give de facto recognition to the state under its present name of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. This is seen by IMRO as a sellout to Serbia, and part of the wider pattern of pro-Greek American diplomacy, which the Gligorov Government has been unable to resist.

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Man 'fathered eight children by sister'

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

A FLORIDA couple with eight children are facing incest charges after claims that they are brother and sister.

The pair are known only as William M., 64, and Deborah M., 44, to protect the identity of the children. The youngsters, aged between one and 19, are said to have mental and emotional problems.

If the parents go to jail, all but the eldest will be sent to foster homes. Social workers have persuaded a judge to let them stay with their mother pending trial on October 30. The pair were brought up in a family of a dozen in Miami. According to the couple, they began living together in 1972 when William asked his 21-year-old sister to join him in a search for God. He said that he was given a mission to bring peace to the world in the year 2000, and that the Book of Leviticus instructed him to take a mate from his family.

All the children have low IQs, between 52 and 86, with 80 being the mark used to determine learning disability. William, a carpenter, builds pyramids which he says protect against hurricanes and asteroids, and guards the fate of humanity.

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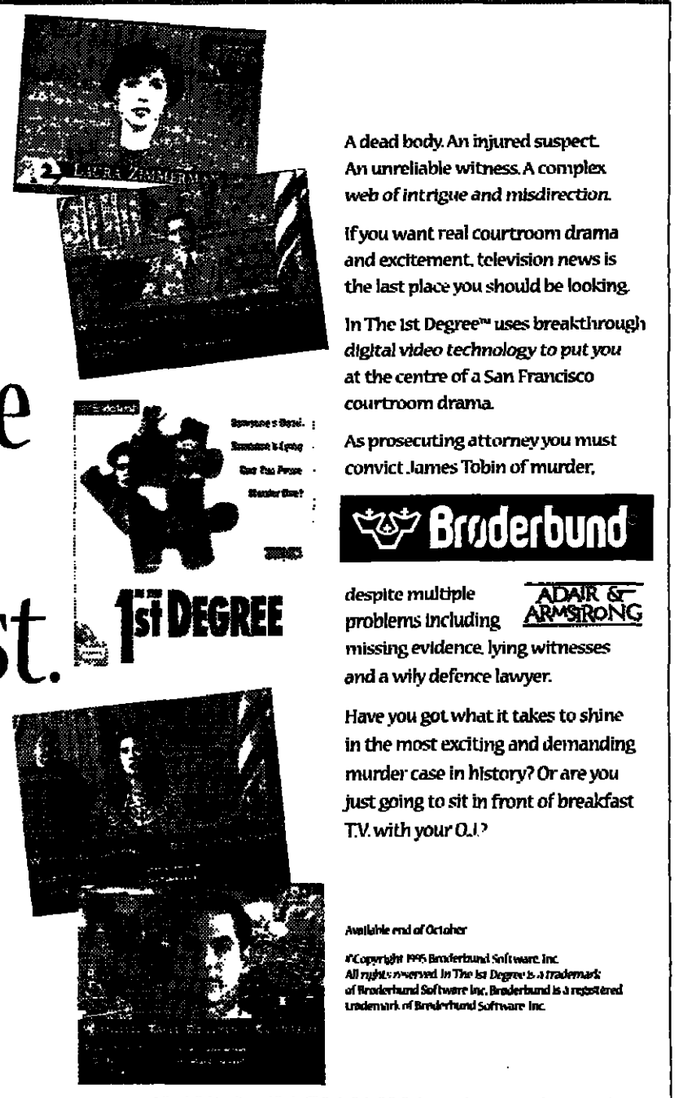

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RIGHT: Black chiffon beaded halter dress, to order, Catherine Walker, 65 Sydney Street, SW3 (0171-352 4626). Black ankle tie shoes, £290, Manolo Blahnik at 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3 (0171-352 3863)

ABOVE: Chocolate brown fleck jacket, £249; matching skirt, £109, Jaeger London (0171-200 4211)

LEFT: Brown fake snake belted jacket, £244.99; black stretch shirt, £34.99; black skirt, £31.99, Oasis, 292 Regent Street, W1 and branches (0171-436 0474). Kitten heel shoes, £260, Manolo Blahnik (as above)

RIGHT: Black beaded/mesh jacket to order; black satin jeans, £89, Nicole Farhi, 158 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-499 8368). Turquoise silk shirt, £95, Whistles, 27 Sloane Square, SW1, (0171-730 9819). Black trilby, £120, Stephen Jones, Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1. High loafers, £115, Patrick Cox, 129 Sloane Street, SW1 (0171-730 8886).

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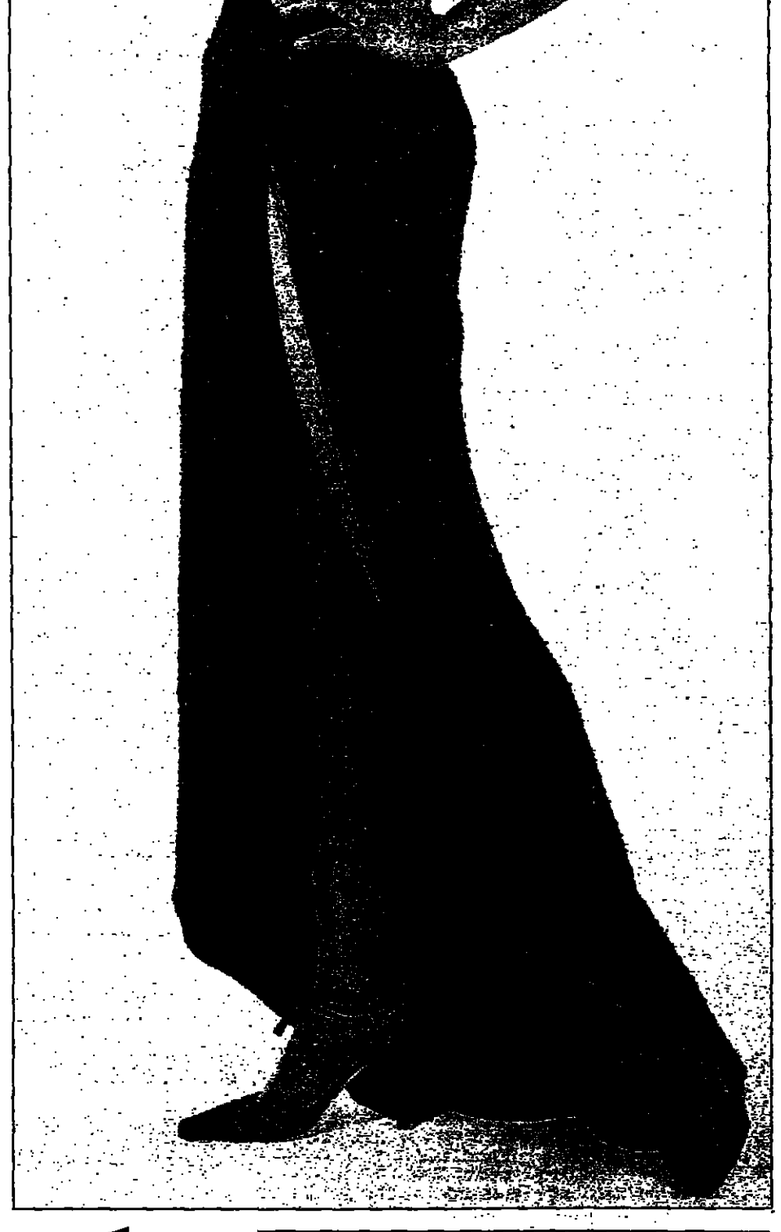

Winning looks for winter

Fashion
IAIN R. WEBB

The winter wardrobe shown on this page is British fashion at its best, with something to offer at every price level — from a pencil skirt suit by Jaeger to Catherine Walker's beaded gown, a stretch shirt by Oasis, or a shiny version by Whistles.

Hussein Chalayan's slim wool trousers provide something red. Nicole Farhi has a great tuxedo trouser suit, while the fake snake jacket by Oasis is a must.

Then the accessories which count: Manolo Blahnik's kitten heels, Patrick Cox's high loafers, Anya Hindmarch's car-paint shiny bag, and a trilby by Stephen Jones.

As the fashion world prepares for the start of a four-week frockathon — beginning tomorrow when Italian designers unveil their new lines for spring/summer 1996, and travelling from Milan to Paris, London and New York — British designers are also preparing for their annual awards ceremony.

The Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards 1995, held at the Natural History Museum in London and the glamorous finale to London Fashion Week, is more than a contest; it is a back-slapping celebration of the cream of British fashion.

This year there is good reason. Even those who do not walk away with a trophy at the end of the evening still have reason to congratulate themselves. Britain's high street stores have never looked better, stocked with well-priced, up-to-the-minute merchandise which often features alongside designer labels in the glossy magazines. The Fashion Week schedule covers five days with 33 catwalk presentations.

British fashion is also making heads turn on the international stage. Earlier this year John Galliano, Designer of the Year at last year's awards, made headlines around the world when he was officially introduced as the new designer-in-chief at the couture house of Givenchy in Paris. Galliano is again nominated for Designer of the Year, which would make it a hat-trick for the young star.

"The Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards is a high-profile award that is respected worldwide," Galliano says. "It has become an important event on the world fashion calendar."

There are now 11 awards with three new design-orientated categories introduced: Retailer (featuring high street labels), Street Style (young and funky fashion for which we are envied around the globe), and Contemporary Collections (upmarket designer labels). Two other new awards are for Fashion Personality and Fashion Journalist of the Year.

"Since sponsoring the awards we've been keen to broaden the event to reflect the British public's growing interest in fashion," says David Goldesgyme, the sponsorship manager at Lloyds Bank. "High-quality clothing backed by world-class design talent is now available on the high street. The new categories recognise this."

Whatever the results of the awards, the sheer diversity of British fashion certainly deserves celebration.

● *The Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards will be featured in a* Clothes Show *special on Sunday, October 29.*

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O. J. WALKS

Who was the true victim of the Simpson case?

The opening of the sealed envelope containing the jury's verdict was as dramatic a finale to the O. J. Simpson trial as any scriptwriter could have devised. It was *prime time par excellence*: the silence in the court was riveting as Judge Ito awaited the result of the jurors' astonishingly brief deliberations. The case ended as it began, in a sensation televised around the globe. For a moment yesterday, America — and much of the world — came to a standstill to hear the not guilty verdict.

The sheer brevity of the 12 jurors' debate had encouraged expectation of just the opposite. Surely they could not have dismissed the prosecution's forensic case in a mere four hours? Surely, in fact, they had found these arguments so compelling that they had ignored completely the claims of the defence that Mr Simpson was the victim of police racism? These speculations proved spectacularly ill-founded. Evidently, the predominantly black jury came to a swift consensus that the defendant had fallen foul of racist attitudes in the Los Angeles Police Department. It could not convict him of the murder of his wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Sometimes, the trial seemed more of a televisual spectacle than an exercise in *democratic justice. In the course of this long*-running legal soap opera, many were fooled by the claim that the nation itself was in the dock. In practice, however, the trial was not a judgment on American society; it was a battle between two definitions of justice. On the one hand, the jurors were invited to judge Mr Simpson *using the traditional* procedures of the American criminal justice system. They were invited to assess forensic evidence, the question of alibi and possible motive. They were asked to form a judgment on the facts presented to them, and form that judgment irrespective of its consequences outside the courtroom.

But other persuasive forces were at work. The jurors were also invited to see Mr Simpson as a victim of racist conspiracy and an emblem for the suffering of America's blacks; a representative of an embattled social group, in other words, rather than a morally free individual. *Likewise, the taped* bigoted remarks of one detective, Mark Fuhrman, became symbolic of centuries of racist oppression. One legal expert described the trial as "the Chernobyl of racial justice" raining "fall-out" down upon an uneasy nation. Johnnie Cochrane, the defence attorney, *spoke of police racism as "Americ*a's nightmare" and urged the jury to do something about it. "Maybe you're the right people at the right time and the right place to say: 'No more!' " he told them. A not guilty verdict, he appeared to suggest, would somehow compensate for the hurt caused to America's blacks in the past. The jury seems to have been persuaded by his fiery peroration.

There may be no race riots in Los Angeles as a result of this verdict, but there will be *plenty of angry questions. The vindication of* the defence case will persuade many blacks that that the Los Angeles Police Department is irredeemably racist and that Mr Simpson's experience was no different from the beating administered to Rodney King in 1991. It is hard to be optimistic about the implications of this trial for that city. But it is to be hoped that other Americans will not treat the verdict as a verdict on their society.

Not all cities are like Los Angeles; not all policemen are racist. Few trials are as *bitterly politicised as this one. A nation* cannot resolve its psychic traumas in a courtroom and should not try. Yesterday Mr Simpson sped off to liberty, pursued on the freeway once more. Months of agonised analysis and media introspection will doubtless follow; but all that really matters is that *his wife's murderer is still on the loose.*

BLAIR'S NEW WORLD

Will tomorrow's Britain take moral leadership from any party?

Tony Blair is emerging as the magpie of *British politics, and his leader's speech* yesterday opened up to the world the contents of his nest. Gleaning new technocratic policies for the information world (shades of Harold Wilson) sat side by side with invocations to make Britain great again (courtesy of Margaret Thatcher) and to recreate it as one nation (thanks to Disraeli). But the greatest power and passion was reserved for a Kennedyesque call for national moral renewal.

In an echo of the passing of power from *one generation to another when President* Kennedy took office, Mr Blair talked of Britain becoming a "young" country again, "where people succeed on the basis of what they give to their country, rather than what they take from their country". He plundered the Bible too: "I *am* my brother's keeper. I will not walk by on the other side."

Mr Blair has a good sense for the anxieties of modern Britain: the paradox that rising prosperity has been accompanied by greater insecurity, and not just at work. "We suffer a depth of insecurity and *spiritual doubt*" he said of his generation, that his parents never knew. It is a generation "frightened for our future and unsure of our soul".

Souls are more usually the stuff of pulpits than politics. But the Labour leader knows that there is a nerve there to be touched. *Margaret Thatcher set out to reverse the* economic decline of Britain; Mr Blair wants to address the country's moral and social decline. In some ways this is a harder task. Politicians cannot legislate to make people help or respect *each other. They cannot pass* laws to create social cohesion or restore hope. All that they can do is to lead a crusade by exhortation and hope that the people will be inspired to follow. The ground is *undoubtedly fertile. Idealism has virtually* vanished from politics and the young in particular are in danger of being disconnected and alienated from the democratic system. They have ideals in *abundance*, but are reluctant to trust politicians with them. Mr Blair's blatant appeal to youth, in his vision of a "young country", is designed to entice the young back into mainstream politics.

Older generations too sense a loss of moral fibre and shared values, which is why po*liticians on both sides of the Atlantic have* been exploring ways of recreating a community spirit. Mr Blair yesterday stole their lines. "We have to have the courage to build a new civic society, a new social order — where everyone has a stake and everyone plays a part."

The Conservatives have tried to play this game. But Mr Blair's moral crusade will be as difficult to ape as it will be to criticise. The Tories have many lines of attack on Labour: they can point to the dangers of a resurgence *of the Left, to economic incompetence, to old* Labour in local government or to promises that cannot be delivered without higher taxation. Yet they cannot persuade voters to doubt the sincerity or conviction of the Labour leader when he seizes the moral high ground.

Nor can they claim it for themselves. Too many promises have been broken, too much sleaze uncovered — and the Scott report is still to come. Mr Blair is occupying political territory that he will find easy to defend. The *British will no longer take moral leadership* from the Conservatives. The Tories' only hope must be that the British will take it from no one.

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

Britain must stand by France over nuclear testing

With each nuclear test in the South Pacific, the opposition to France grows ever more clamorous. After the first test last month, riots rippled across *Tahiti, many European* foreign ministers blustered censoriously about the environment, the antipodean Commonwealth lost its customary poise — and Greenpeace was, well, Greenpeace. Now, after the second French test on Monday, this criticism has seemed to approach boiling point.

The Pacific Forum has severed ties with *Paris (although individual states have been* careful not to break off diplomatic relations with the Government of President Chirac), and the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand have turned their political muskets on a brand new target. That target is Britain.

But why Britain? The answer, *in so far as* there is any which responds to reason, lies in the *Government's* failure to board the bandwagon of protest and hysteria. The Foreign Office has, instead, been circumspect — perhaps too circumspect. "If the French decide there is a need to have tests before a comprehensive test ban treaty, that is a matter for them, and for them to justify," a spokesman said.

Of course the tests are a matter for the French; *and Britain*, with an acute understanding of sovereign rights and their exercise, has done well to emphasise that fact. The French, for their part, have justified their nuclear tests sufficiently well to satisfy the reasonable inquirer. As Hervé de Charette, their Foreign Minister, has explained — as have numerous French *scientists and strategic planners* — these tests are needed to ensure the safety of that country's nuclear arsenal. For practical and technical reasons, France is not yet in a position to rely on laboratory simulation for safety testing.

The "environmentalist" objections to *French practice*, however, have escaped the net of common sense. Attitudes and postures are being struck by politicians, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, which are as simplistic as they are opportunistic. A complex matter, which repays careful attention, has acquired the flavour of a bad Western: *us versus them, good guys and bad* guys, nuclear "cowboys" versus pacific, earth-conscious "Indians". No matter that the real nuclear dangers lie elsewhere, in Chernobyl, and in the ageing reactors to be found still in Russia, Central Europe and across the former Soviet Union.

The truth, of course, is that the vociferous opposition to the French tests is fed by an *opposition to nuclear deterrence itself. That* is why Britain is right not to criticise France: in fact, how could it? Little has occurred since the end of the Cold War to suggest that nuclear deterrence is no longer a legitimate part of Britain's strategic equation. Paris subscribes to the same logic, which is why it *wants to ensure that its weapons work* before it ceases testing altogether.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nato priorities in Eastern Europe

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, Your leader of September 29, "*Strategic priorities*", is *first-class in* every particular. The enlargement of Nato is an extraordinary idea, and not just because of Russian apprehensions. It could also commit British troops and taxpayers to defending Hungarians against Romanians, or vice versa.

A far better idea has been the constructive collaboration of Partnership for Peace, the defence arrangement between Nato and the former members of the Warsaw Pact, which is simultaneously advancing *the new life*-saving role of Nato and encouraging enlightened policies in Eastern Europe.

If Nato still feels a responsibility to deter Russia in that part of the world, there exists a very powerful option: non-military deterrence. This has scarcely been tried. But there is every reason to believe that the Russians would do anything to avoid a repetition *of the pulverising* economic punishment which they received for Afghanistan in the 1980s, and which virtually brought the Government down.

Properly used as a deterrent, this weapon could be quite as effective, safer and much more credible than any nuclear guarantee.

Yours etc,
HUGH HANNING,
18 Montpelier Row, Blackheath, SE3.
October 1.

From Mr Ralph L. Broughton

Sir, A proposal to extend the membership of Nato — already an unwieldy body — to include other countries formerly associated with the USSR would be extraordinary at any time; but to announce it (report, September *27) when it is essential to have Rus*sia's agreement to a peace plan for former Yugoslavia is astonishing.

The proposals, if put into effect, would be tantamount to a revival of the Cold War. That "every effort will be made to reassure Moscow that the expansion plans pose no threat to *Russia", as the Nato document appar*ently makes clear, is completely futile.

I am saddened and profoundly disturbed that this country should be party to a Nato plan which is plainly provocative.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH L. BROUGHTON,
28 Woodmansterne Lane,
Banstead, Surrey.
October 2.

Bomber's manifesto

From Mr Bernard Barnett

Sir, I write, both as a former journalist and as a colleague of one of the victims of the American Unabomber, to deplore the unanimous condemnation by British newspaper editors (Media, September 27) of *The Washington Post*'s decision to publish the Unabomber's *35,000-word treatise.*

It scarcely compromises the integrity of the press to devote part of one issue of a publication that appears virtually every day of the year to a newsworthy — and, as a matter of fact, not uninteresting — insight into the mind of this killer.

Neither is it submission to blackmail. The Unabomber made an offer to cease his attacks on people if the *Post* or *The New York Times* would print his diatribe. Somewhat to his surprise, I think, the *Post*, with the support of the *NYT*, took him up on it.

Having seen and endured the grief that *the Unabomber has inflicted on* my own company — though of course this is nothing compared with the pain and suffering of the family — I applaud the *Post*'s courageous action in seeking to prevent a recurrence. If it succeeds it will have performed a priceless public service. Isn't that the first function of the press?

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD BARNETT
(Executive Vice-President),
Young & Rubicam Europe,
Greater London House,
Hampstead Road, NW1.
September 28.

Serving the needy

From the Right Reverend J. R. Satterthwaite

Sir, Your leader of September 26 suggests that the Church of St Dunstan-in-the-West could well have its crypt used as a wine bar or restaurant. May *I remind you that there were plans* afoot in the 1960s to turn it into a shelter for the homeless and destitute.

As well as being a Benedictine, St Dunstan was also a great reformer of *the Church in his day. Some of us* hope that his premises can be used to the benefit of those less fortunate and in greater need than most who work or live in that part of the City.

El Vino's and the other restaurant wine bars in Fleet Street have long rendered excellent service to many of us involved in the service of Christ.

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN R. SATTERTHWAITE
(Vicar of St Dunstan-in-the-West, 1959-1970),
25 Spencer House,
St Paul's Square, Carlisle, Cumbria.
September 27.

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'Reform' of degree classification

From the Vice-Chancellor of the Nottingham Trent University

Sir, Your Shakespearean vision (leading *article, "Take but degree away"*, September 30; reports, September 29) of the discord which might follow any modification of the British degree classification system is perhaps slightly *over the top.*

My own view is that it is now urgently necessary to supplement the present degree classifications with further key information describing the skills and abilities of particular graduates for the benefit of future employers.

*To their credit, recruiters of gradu*ates have regularly told higher education that they look for more than academic and professional skills in prospective employees. In particular, they value skills in analysis, leadership and communication.

If these various skills could be profiled, assessed and described *in a stan*dard way across the higher education system (perhaps through higher-level national vocational qualifications) we could have the best of both worlds: traditional academic practice supplemented by accurate, reliable and useful information.

It is unfair, therefore, to suggest, as you do, that the current thinking of the vice-chancellors is influenced by "political correctness" or a desire simply to escape the traditional degree classifications.

We now have an opportunity to describe the abilities, and potential abilities, of our graduates in ways which respect both the need for national standards and the individual talents of particular students. We can move forward, through partnership, and avoid the "*mere oppugnancy*" *which Shake*speare's Ulysses feared would flow from any disturbance of the traditional order.

Yours sincerely,
RAY COWELL,
Vice-Chancellor,
The Nottingham Trent University,
Burton Street, Nottingham.
October 2.

From Professor C. W. Davidson

Sir, Congratulations on your leader supporting the retention of the present degree classification system. As you *suggest, a change to providing a re*cord of attainment would mean merely that those who are awarded a high classification under the present system would be given a glowing assessment by their lecturers. This would not address the root problem, which arises because there is not, and never has been, an absolute standard for a first-class honours degree.

A first in languages, for example, cannot be compared on an absolute scale with a first in science. Even a comparison of degrees in the same discipline, but from different departments, can only hope to show rough equality because our external examiner system is at best imperfect.

I do not believe that there has been a decline in the standards set by the best universities. However, as the institutions awarding degrees have proli*ferated there is now a much greater dif*ficulty in standardising the classification of degrees between universities and a much broader range in the standards set.

The Higher Education Quality Council has the responsibility to address this matter and must do so ur*gently, but within the framework of* the present classification system. Changing the system will not solve the problem.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN W. DAVIDSON,
20 East Barnton Avenue,
Edinburgh 4.
October 2.

From Professor A. I. Solomon

Sir, Universities in the UK invariably involve an external examiner in the classification of degrees in order to maintain consistency; there is *therefore no reason why "a first from a* former polytechnic" should be easier to obtain than one from Oxbridge (as your leader writer assumes), although the latter may well be more "prestigious" for other, less tangible, reasons.

In addition to awarding the usual degree classifications, the Open University has always supplied transcripts of the student's record of attainment. This solution would appear to go some way to reassuring the vice-chancellors as well as satisfying the *traditionalists.*

Yours etc,
ALLAN SOLOMON,
Faculty of Mathematics and Computing,
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Milton Keynes MK7 6AA.
October 1.

Rich and poor

From Mrs Susan Taylor

Sir, Last month the BBC interviewed a single mother who has six children by *four different fathers and is about to* marry a convicted sex-offender.

She wants the State to fund a sterilisation reversal, so that she can have another baby by this man, even though the child would be taken into care.

Meanwhile, she lives comfortably off the State, apparently unconcerned by the moral issues presented by her lifestyle.

By contrast my husband and I have worked all our adult lives and have *both contributed our taxes for some* thirty years. Because my husband has had a redundancy pay-off from his company we cannot claim assistance from the Government, and we don't even qualify for a grant for our youngest daughter, who is at university.

When our money runs out we will not qualify for income support or mortgage relief, as I work over 16 *hours a week. We could lose our* home, as our mortgage is over the £100,000 threshold and the State won't pick up the tab for the total amount of the monthly repayments.

We cannot even think about selling our house in the current housing market climate so we are powerless to reduce our outgoings at this time. Our prospects for maintaining our lifestyle are very poor indeed.

What an example the Government is setting our children when they see *how much easier it is to survive when* you do nothing to help yourself. Being proud of working and paying our way does not even guarantee keeping the roof over our heads.

Yours sincerely,
S. TAYLOR,
Gingerburys,
Cox Green, Rudgwick, West Sussex.
September 27.

Street signs

From Dr Trevor Hudson

Sir, Mr R. Fernyhough's letter (September 29) about the shortcomings of our street signs has more urgent implications. Just over a month ago an ambulance was called to an emergency when a patient collapsed at his home in Chelsea. It was after dark and the crew experienced consid*erable delay because they had diffi*culty in finding the correct street.

The next morning, in daylight, I went back to find out how this had happened. There was only one street sign, high up on a building and partly obscured by a tree.

It is time for all street signs to be fixed at a level where, after dark, the headlights of any vehicle can illuminate them in an emergency and so avoid such potentially dangerous circumstances.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR HUDSON,
25 Cadogan Place, SW1.
October 1.

Brussels 'canard'

From Mr Bernard Connolly

Sir, Your report (September 29) of the European Commission's decision to suspend me from my duties repeats suggestions, apparently attributable to Commission officials, that a staff doctor once had to attend to me in my office. Such suggestions are simply untrue. In any case such events (or non-events in my case) are hardly newsworthy — unless they are used by the institution concerned in campaigns of name-blackening.

Your reporter was quite right to describe *comments made about me by* Commission officials as "scurrilous".

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD CONNOLLY,
c/o Faber and Faber Ltd,
3 Queen Square, WC1.
October 1.

Hong Kong passports

From the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

Sir, Referring to your editorial of September 26, "Home truths", and Sir David Ford's letter to the Editor of September 28, I would like to make two points:

The remarks by Hong Kong Gover*nor Chris Patten about granting 3.3 million Hong Kong people the right to* settle in Britain are irresponsible. They break the British Government's own words in its memorandum exchanged with China at the time of signing the Joint Declaration, which stated clearly that the British Dependent Territories citizens (BDTC's) in the territory would cease to be BDTCs from July 1, 1997, "but will be eligible to retain an appropriate status which, without conferring the right of abode in the United Kingdom, will entitle them to continue to use passports issued by the Government of the United Kingdom".

It has long been agreed by China and Britain that Hong Kong's political system after 1997 will remain to be executive-led and that the democratic development should be gradual. The *governor's unilateral move to speed* up the pace of democratisation so as to create what Sir David Ford refers to as "more representative Government" in Hong Kong goes against this principle.

To survive 1997, Hong Kong's three-tier structure must first be in conformity with the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, and secondly be agreed by China. Mr Patten's package meets neither of these conditions. The Legislative Council thus returned can only have a life-span of less than two years. China has no obligations to accept the *fait accompli created by Mr Patten.*

Yours etc,
MA YUZHEN,
Embassy of the People's Republic of China,
49-51 Portland Place, W1.
October 1.

A sailor's tenner to save Greenwich?

From Commander Roger Paine, RN

Sir, Just over 400 years ago Sir John Hawkins, *then Treasurer of the Tudor* Navy, founded the "Chatham Chest" for the relief of sick and wounded Elizabethan sailors and that from 1625 onwards every man was ordered to contribute sixpence *a month from his* wages to this early "charitable fund". The money was dropped through a tiny hole into the chest which was secured by four padlocks, the keys of which were reputedly held by four different admirals in order to prevent clandestine embezzlement.

In 1803 the chest was renamed the "Chest at Greenwich" and the accrued contents combined with the funds of the Greenwich Hospital to maintain the buildings which now comprise the RN College, Greenwich. The original chest can still be seen today at the nearby National Maritime Museum.

As the Greenwich College site is now controversially on the open market (letters, September 11, 14, 19) at an *annual rental of £400,000 it might be* appropriate to re-establish use of the chest and obtain mandatory contributions from today's serving officers and men.

Even by conservative estimates of inflation sixpence (2½p) must be worth at least £10 so that a single *month's contributions from every one* of the 50,000 members of the 1995 Royal Navy would easily pay the first year's rent in advance and ensure the RN remains on its historic site.

As agents, Messrs Knight, Frank and Rutley would be custodians of the padlock keys.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant,
ROGER PAINE,
4 Yeats Close, Eliot Park, SE13.
October 1.

'Peter Pan' student

From Professor Stanley Peart, FRS

Sir, The case of the 32-year-old medical student, Mr Brian Mackinnon, *who succeeded in feigning the age of* 17 and in passing his school exams (reports, September 20, 21, 25-30) raises some interesting questions.

Only Glasgow University knows the reason for turning down his application for readmission to the medical course for which it had *accepted him when younger; but his* subsequent expulsion from Dundee University seems rather harsh, despite the false pretences under which he had been accepted there.

I may have been over-impressed by Mr Mackinnon's determination to succeed and by his ingenuity: but *medical students frequently give rea*sons for wishing to enter medicine which may not be wholly credible or verifiable, and they may then drop out even after qualification.

Surely, even now, there is a case for clemency? We all expect the highest standards from doctors, but some *may have to turn on the road to Dam*ascus — or even Dundee.

Yours etc,
STANLEY PEART,
17 Highgate Close, N6.
October 2.

Copts and Orthodox

From Mr Andrew Bond

Sir, You report ("Priest's Elm business blooms", September 30) that the Reverend Tony Clements is one of a number of former Anglican clergymen *who have been recently ordained in* "the Orthodox Church".

Mr Clements is joining the group of English people who are part of the Coptic Church which is based in Egypt. This group do use the word "Orthodox" in their title (British Orthodox Church), as do the Coptic Church as a whole. It should be made clear, however, that there exists a profound doctrinal difference between *them and the "Greek" Orthodox* Church.

The Copts have gone their own separate way since their refusal to accept the decisions of the 4th Ecumenical Council held in Chalcedon in the year 451. The doctrinal stumbling block was, and still is, the two natures of Christ (divine and human). The Copts are known as Monophysites because they believe that Christ had only one *nature. His divine nature.*

The consequence of this is that Christ did not become man in the full sense but merely took on the outward appearance of a man in order to walk *on earth. This doctrine deprives the* sacrifice on Calvary of reality, making it simply a charade, with devastating consequences for our salvation.

Yours,
ANDREW BOND (Editor),
Orthodox News,
64 Prebend Gardens, W6.
October 1.

Party colours

From Mr Stephen L. Phillips

*Sir, I note that, in your Sports sec*tion's "Premiership at a glance" table today, red indicates "up"; blue indicates "down"; and orange indicates "unchanged".

*Do you expect to use the same col*our scheme when reporting the outcome of the next general election?

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN L. PHILLIPS,
The Mount, Chirk, Clwyd.
October 2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 3: The Princess Royal this afternoon arrived at Wellington International Airport and was received by the Governor-General of New Zealand (Her Excellency Dame Catherine Tizard).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by the Governor-General at Government House, Wellington.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 3: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the British Council offices, Muscat, and opened the *Muslims in Britain* exhibition.

Later His Royal Highness was received by The Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said at Al Hosn Palace, Salalah.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a firepower demonstration by the Omani Armed Forces at Thumrait.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by The Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said at Al Rabat Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 3: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Centrepoint, this evening visited projects in the Kings Cross area, London NW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this morning opened the Society's Colchester Child Protection Project, the High Street, Colchester, and was received by Miss Mary Beattie (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.)

Her Royal Highness was later entertained to luncheon by The Bishop of Chelmsford (The Right Rev John Waine) at Bishopcourt, Margaretting.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon attended a Service of Thanksgiving in Chelmsford Cathedral to celebrate the Cathedral Appeal, the Dedication of the Chancel Organ and the Inauguration of the Choral Foundation.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Essex (The Lord Braybrooke).

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 3: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, today visited the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Gatton Park, Reigate, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton). Later Her Royal Highness, Patron, Royal Surgical Aid Society, opened the Bradbury Centre, Manygate Lane, Shepperton.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Cromwell, Lord Protector 1658-59, London, 1626; Jean François Millet, painter, Gruchy, France, 1814; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Delaware, Ohio, 1822; Roger Keyes, Baron Keyes, Admiral of the Fleet, Tundiani Ford, Punjab, 1872; Damon Runyon, short story writer, Manhattan, Kansas, 1884; Engelbert Dollfuss, Chancellor of Austria 1932-34, Texing, Austria, 1892; Buster Keaton, actor, Piqua, Kansas, 1895.
DEATHS: St Teresa of Avila, Alba de Tormes, 1582; Rembrandt, painter, Amsterdam, 1669; Henry Carey, poet and musician, committed suicide, London, 1743; John Rennie, civil engineer, London, 1821; Karl Baedeker, guide book publisher, Koblenz, 1859; Max Planck, physicist, Nobel laureate 1918, Göttingen, Germany, 1947; Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, aviator, Swansea, 1948; "Patsy" Hendren, England and Middlesex cricketer, London, 1962; Janis Joplin, rock singer, Hollywood, 1970; Glenn Gould, pianist, Toronto, 1982.
Miles Coverdale's version of the Bible was published, 1535.
The Boys' Brigade was founded in Glasgow by Sir William Alexander Smith, 1883.
Russia launched the space satellite Sputnik I, 1957.

Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a screening of the film *Henry V* at the Royal Geographic Society at 7.05 in aid of West London Action for Children.

Reception

Thorney Island Society
Miss June Stubbs, Chairman of the Thorney Island Society, welcomed the guests at a reception to mark the tenth birthday of the society held yesterday at 19 Cowley Street, by courtesy of Sir David Ford, Hong Kong Commissioner, and Lady

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Ray Chapman: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Peter and St Paul, Fareham (Portsmouth).
The Rev Richard Ferguson, Team Rector, Upton cum Chalvey (Oxford): to be Vicar, Kirkwhelpington w Kirkharle, Kirkheaton and Cambo (Newcastle).
The Rev Canon Dr Francis Gordon-Kerr, Canon of York, Vicar of Anlaby, St Peter, Rural Dean of Hull and Area Dean of West Hull: to be re-appointed as Rural Dean of Hull and Area Dean of West Hull for a further year (York).
The Rev Canon Nigel Graham, Vicar, Highworth w Sevenhampton, Inglesham and Hannington and Rural Dean of Highworth: to be Priest-in-charge, St Saviour's, Coalpit Heath (Bristol).
The Rev Philip Hall, Priest-in-charge, Mayfield and Ilam w Blore Ray and Okeover: now Resident Minister, Canwell, Drayton Basset and Hints (Lichfield).
The Rev Felicity Heal, formerly NSM, Bramshott, St Mary and Liphook: to be part-time Assistant Curate (NSM), Blendworth, Idsworth and Chalton (Portsmouth).
The Rev Mark Hill-Tout, Vicar, St Helen, St Helens and St Peter, Seaview, Isle of Wight: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Wymering w Widley (Portsmouth).
The Rev Victor Howlett, Honorary Curate, St Andrew s, St Bartholomew: to be Honorary Curate, St Matthew w St Nathanael, Kingsdown and St Michael and all Angels, Bishopston (Bristol).

The Maritime Trust

Mr Arthur Weller, CBE, has retired as Chairman of the Maritime Trust after seven years in office. He is succeeded by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald, GCB, former First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff.

RHS Westminster show

Heat yields crop of autumn gold medals

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

THIS autumn is notable for heavy crops of fruits and berries, both edible and ornamental, not the result of the long hot summer this year, but the spell of warm weather in late summer last year which encouraged trees to produce plenty of flower buds.

This bumper "harvest" is reflected at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. One of the highlights is the gold medal collection of 80 kinds of sorbus or mountain ash from the Crown Estate Commissioners, the Great Park, Windsor. The colours of the berries range from pink, through yellow, orange and red, to white. Particularly eye-catching are such cultivars as "Windsor Gold" and "Savill Orange", both raised at the gardens, and, generally considered the best of all, *Sorbus hupehensis* with white berries and good autumn leaf colour.

Colchicums also provide welcome autumn colour in gardens and these bulbous, crocus-like plants with pink or white flowers are being shown by the Rev R. Blakeway-Phillips, of Clun, Shropshire, who has included the unusual *Colchicum variegatum* with chequered flowers; gold-medal winners Richard Nutt, Elizabeth Parker-Jervis, and Felbrigg Hall, Roughton, Norfolk, who have staged part of the National Collection which is held at Felbrigg; and Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, northwest London.

Nerines are also popular autumn-flowering bulbs and a gold-medal display showing the wide range of colours available has been staged by Springwood Nursery, of Newchurch, Isle of Wight. Nerines were originally pink, but now come in orange and flame shades, and other colours, as shown by the nursery's own hybrids.

Autumn-flowering gentians also feature in displays. Drifts of gentians in deep vibrant blue, including "Shot Silk", and studded with dwarf ferns, have been staged by Hartside Nursery Garden, of Alston, Cumbria, who have won a gold medal. Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Borders, are featuring a new, very deep blue gentian from Switzerland, named "Sensation", and the pale blue "Strathmore".

Looking decidedly unseasonal, but beautifully grown and staged, is a collection of sweet peas from Matthewman Sweet Peas, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, which has been awarded a gold medal.

Among the exhibits of fruits and vegetables, Joe Maiden, of Leeds, has brought along 70 kinds of onions that are available to amateur gardeners. They were grown in the *Gardening Which?* demonstration garden, at Bramhope, Leeds, and range from the tiny "Paris Silverskin" pickling onion, to giant varieties for exhibition. The exhibit has won a gold medal.

Large cultivars of vegetables suitable for exhibition are being shown by W. Robinson & Son, of Forton, Lancashire, including the runner bean "Liberty" with 25in long pods, and the marrow "Long Green Trailing" whose heavy, solid fruits average 25-28in in length. They have won a gold medal.

The RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, has staged a collection of 80 dessert and culinary apples and pears, spanning at least 300 years, from the cooking apple "Dr Harvey", first recorded in the early 17th century, to the modern "Jonagored", a superb dessert apple.

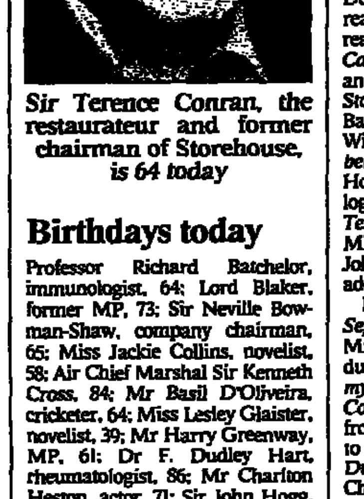
Amateur gardeners Gerald Edwards, of Pinner, northwest London, and Joan and Douglas Bolingbroke, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, have contributed a large and varied collection of fruits, including many old cultivars of apples and pears such as the dessert pear "Durondeau" raised in 1811, and the dual-purpose, rather blocky green apple "Calville Blance D'Hiver", first recorded in 1598. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

The RHS autumn fruit and vegetable competition is well supported. Apple colour is particularly good this year. The Dukes of Marlborough and Devonshire battled for honours in the class for white grapes grown under glass. The Duke of Devonshire, of Chatsworth, won this with the cultivar "Muscat of Alexandria". The Duke of Marlborough, of Blenheim Palace, won the class for black grapes with the cultivar "Madresfield Court".

N.D.H. Anglo, of Harrow, northwest London, won the class for six cultivars of fruits and M. Tivey, of Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire for nine dishes of apples and pears. The affiliated societies' challenge cup for apples and pears was won by Eastcote Horticultural Society, northwest London.

The George Monro challenge cup for a collection of 12 dishes of vegetables has been won by Mr Charles Maisey, of Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan; and the Riddell trophy for a collection of six kinds of vegetables went to K.J. Thompson, of Hengoed, Mid Glamorgan. Both featured the celery "Ideal".

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.



Sir Terence Conran, the restaurateur and former chairman of Storehouse, is 64 today

Birthdays today

Professor Richard Batchelor, immunologist, 64; Lord Blaker, former MP, 73; Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, company chairman, 65; Miss Jackie Collins, novelist, 58; Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, 84; Mr Basil D'Oliveira, cricketer, 64; Miss Lesley Glaister, novelist, 39; Mr Harry Greenway, MP, 61; Dr F. Dudley Hart, rheumatologist, 86; Mr Charlton Heston, actor, 71; Sir John Hogg, banker, 83.

Mr John McFall, MP, 51; Sir Tommy Macpherson, former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 75; Mr R.G. Martin, former vice-chairman, Allied-Lyons, 63; Mr Tony Meo, snooker player, 36; Sir Hector Monro, MP, 73; Dr Gareth Owen, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 73; Mr Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, racehorse trainer, 50. Mr Giles Radice, MP, 59; Miss Anneka Rice, broadcaster, 37; Miss Susan Sarandon, actress, 49; the Right Rev Dr R.D. Say, former Bishop of Rochester, 81; Mr Marcus Setchell, Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 52; Sir Gervase Sheldon, former High Court judge, 82; Sir James Spicer, MP, 70; Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, 48; Mr Kenneth Wood, founder, Kenwood Manufacturing Company, 79.

Memorial services

Sir Michael Hordern
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael Hordern was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Bill Hall, Senior Chaplain, Actors' Church Union, officiated. Mr Richard Briers read Rupert Brooke's *Heaven*, Mr Tom Stoppard read an extract from Michael Hordern's fishing diaries and Miss Patricia England read Mr Leo Marks's *Code Poem for French Resistance*. Dame Judi Dench and Mr Michael Williams read poems and Mr Williams also read G.E.M. Skues' *Mr Theodore Castwell*. Mr Timothy West read an extract from Mr Tom Stoppard's *Jumpers* and Miss Jill Balcon read *Fidele's Dirge* from William Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*. A recording of Michael Hordern reading Prospero's epilogue from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* was played. Mr Frank Middlemass paid tribute and Mr John Mortimer, QC, gave an address.

Miss Julie Covington sang *September Song* accompanied by Mr Neil McArthur, piano, and during the prayers sang *God be in my head*. Mr Ian Charleson sang *Come unto these yellow sands* from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to music by Mr Guy Woolfenden. During the service the Chapel Choir of Norman Court School, West Tytherley, Wiltshire, directed by Mr Anthony Burns-Cox, sang and Mr Christopher Dowie, Organist and Choirmaster of Wimborne Minster, played the organ. Among others present were:

Mr Fritz Curzon and Mrs Joanna Hordern Curzon (son-in-law and daughter), Nicholas Curzon (grandson), Eve Curzon (granddaughter), Mr Shrimp Hordern (brother), Mrs Anne Andrews, Mr William Andrews, Mr Jeremy Andrews, Mr David Hordern, Colonel and Mrs J Hordern, Mrs Virginia Lawson-Tancred, Sir Peter Hordern, MP, and Lady Hordern, Mrs Anne Horton, Mrs Richard Sargent, Mrs B Sellars, Mrs Bridget Cooper, Mrs Kitty Hill, Mr and Mrs James Mallett, Miss Angela Hordern, Mr S Curzon.

Lord Palumbo, Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Lady Richardson (King George Pension Fund), Sir Geoffrey and Lady de Deney, Mr Simon de Deney, Mrs Dorcas de Deney, Mrs J Croom-Johnson, Miss Isla Blair, Mr John Tydeman, Mr Keith Waterhouse, Mrs James Fox, Mr Stephen Mitchell, Mr Nick Hordern, Mr Marc Hordern, Mr Derek Chance, Mr Edward Fox, Mr Harry Towb, Mr Benjamin Whitrow, Miss Isabel Dean, Mr and Mrs Ronald Harwood, Mr Stuart Burge, Mrs Wendy Trewin, Dr C G Winearls, Mr Maurice Denham, Mr Nick Thompson, Miss Gwen Cherrell, Mr Michael Meyer, Miss Muriel Pavlow, Miss Margaret Courtenay, Mr and Mrs David Freeman, Mr Jeffry Wickham, Mr Richard Bebb, Mr and Mrs Derek Bond, Mr Tom Adams, Mr Sheridan Morley, Mr and Mrs Leo Marks.

Mr and Mrs Charles Toomer, Mr Derek Gibney, Mr James Montgomery, Miss Retra Read, Miss Sheila Allen, Mr and Mrs Chris Stephens, Mr and Mrs Peter Hiscock, Mr Steve McGilchrist, Mr Martin Benson, Mr Fred Brennan, Mrs Diana Pelham Burn, Mrs Cyril Luckham, Mr Robert Luckham, Miss Julie Ronald, Mr Brian Taylor, Mr Don Kennedy, Mr and Mrs B C Q Tubman, Mr Michael Andrews, Mr and Mrs Michael Brett, Mr Robin Armstrong, Miss Patricia Hay, Mr George Gee, Miss Judy Shears, Mr Ronald Marsh, Mr Peter Akehurst, Mr Richard Martin, Mr Alex Hollweg, Canon and Mrs J H Wilson, Miss Abigail Morgan, Mr G Samson, Mr William Dalby.

Mr James Penstone (Vic-Wells Association) and Miss Frances Cowen, Mr Jack Watling (The Royal Theatrical Fund) and Mrs Watling with Mrs Roslyn Oliver (secretary); Mr Andrew Leigh (Old Vic), Mrs Dorothy Korner (The King's Theatre, Gloucester), Mr Ian McGarry (general secretary, British Actors' Equity Association), Mrs Rosemary Stevens (Actors' Benevolent Fund) and Mr John de Lannoy, Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mrs Jean Pritchard (Theatre Museum, Covent Garden) and Mrs Monica Soliash, Mr Richard Mangan (Mander and Mitchenson Theatre Collection), Mr Nunc Willcox (chairman, Garrick Club) and Mr Martin Harvey, Mr David Roberts (Michael O'Mara Books), Mr Chris Niel (ICM), Mr Robin Barter (Concert Artistes Association, and British Music Hall Society), Mr Nigel Goodwin (Genesis Arts), Mr J Empson (*HMS Illustrious Association*) and Mrs Empson, Mr Patrick May (Piscatorial Society), Commander N Fuller (Flyfishers' Club), Mr John C Edwards (African Medical and Research Foundation), Colonel Michael Hickey (Chairman of the Governors of Norman Court School), Mr Stephen Cockburn (Brighton College), Mr Alan F. Niekirk (Dawson and Company).

Michael Whittaker
A Memorial Service for John Michael Antony de Baguleigh Whittaker, known as Michael Whittaker, will be held at 11am on Thursday, October 12, 1995, at the Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, London, SW7.

Susan Jennifer Loach
A Memorial Service for Dr Jennifer Loach will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford on Saturday, October 14, at 2.30pm. There will be a reception in Somerville College after the Service.

The King's School, Canterbury

On Sunday, October 8, at 9.30am a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Cathedral to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the School's safe return from evacuation in Cornwall during the Second World War. The Preacher will be the Very Revd Michael Mayne, OKS. Those OKS wishing to attend are asked to inform the Headmaster's Secretary indicating whether or not they will be accompanied.

Service

Gardeners' Company
The annual harvest thanksgiving service of the Gardeners' Company was held yesterday at the Church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower. Canon Peter Delaney, honorary chaplain to the company, officiated. The Dean of St Paul's, a liveryman of the company, preached the sermon.

A reception and supper were held afterwards at Trinity House.

Reigate Grammar School

The new Art and Technology Centre at Reigate Grammar School was opened by Lord Sterling of Plaistow, CBE, on Tuesday, October 3, 1995. Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, Sir George Gardiner, MP, Sir Colin Corness, Mr Bill Frindall, representatives of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead, Old Reigatians and parents were present.

Luncheon

The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem
A luncheon was held by the Grand Priory of England and Wales at Trinity House, on Saturday, September 30, 1995, in the presence of the Duc de Brissac, Grand Master of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, and the Duchesse, to celebrate the installation that morning of the Duke of Westminster, OBE, TD, GCLJ, DL, as the Grand Prior of England and Wales of the Order.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.W.D. Cameron and Miss S.G. Sheffield
The engagement is announced between David Cameron, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Cameron, and Samantha Sheffield, eldest daughter of Sir Reginald Sheffield, Bt, and Viscountess Astor.

Mr M.J. Cobb and Miss L.P. Dawson
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr J. Cobb and the late Mrs B.M. Cobb, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Lynne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dawson, of Wythall, Worcestershire.

Mr T.S. Flatau and Miss C.L. Lester
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr Richard Flatau and Mrs Victoria Flatau, of Teddington, Middlesex, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Lester, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr M.S. Martin and Miss C.A. Sainsbury
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs H.D. Martin, of Shoeburyness, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs J.H.D. Sainsbury, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr S.D. Moore and Miss V.M. Westropp
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Moore, of Blandford, Dorset, and Victoria 'Toddy', daughter of Brigadier and Mrs E.M. Westropp, of Bloxworth, Dorset.

Dr K. Nicolle and Miss J.L. Knight
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr Brian Nicolle, of St Brelade, Jersey, and Ms Sylvia Marquis, of St Helier, Jersey, and Jennifer Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Knight, of Ellesborough, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.R. Peele and Miss D.C. Lindsell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Richardson Peele and of Mrs Dudley Hopkins, of Oddington, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, daughter of William Lindsell and the late Anne Lindsell, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr P.R. Rhodes Quaile and Miss V. Hellstenius
The engagement was announced on September 19, 1995, in Hinterthal, Austria, between Peter, son of Mrs Rhodes Quaile and the late George Rhodes Quaile, of London, SW3, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lennart Hellstenius, of Builth Wells, Powys.

Mr C.A.G. Rixon and Miss H. Chien
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Ian W. Rixon and Mrs Gabrielle M. Rixon, of Berkshire, and Hsu-Chien, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wen-Shon Chien, of Taiwan. The marriage will take place on December 24, 1995, in Taipei.

Mr J.W. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes and Miss C.H. Newton-Davies
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the Very Rev the Hon Oliver and Mrs Fiennes, of Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr John Newton-Davies, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Diana Whiteside, of Chailey, East Sussex.

Marriages

Mr T. Hannam and Miss P. DeBruyn
The marriage took place on Wednesday, September 20, in Cape Town, South Africa, of Mr Tom Hannam, son of Mr and Mrs Barnaby Hannam, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Miss Pippa DeBruyn, only daughter of Mrs Maureen Mansfield, of Wilderness, South Africa.

Mr R.A. Jeans and Miss S.H. Nordberg
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, 1995, at the Methodist Chapel of Great Torrington, Devon, of Mr Richard Andrew Jeans, only son of the late Rev R. Jeans and of Mrs Jeans, of Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, and Miss Sarah Helen Nordberg, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Nordberg, of Leyland, Lancashire. The Rev David Sheriff officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jessica Hibbert, Carina Mann, Hannah Smith and Jack Jeans. Mr Graeme Lobban was best man. A reception was held at West House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dinners

Somerset Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset presided at a dinner of the Somerset Lieutenancy Dining Club held last night at Hatch Court, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton. General Sir Michael Rose and Brigadier Christopher Wolverson were present.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Miss Ann Lewis, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Baroness Cumberlege, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, also spoke. Among those present were:
Sir Kenneth Hannam, MP, Dr Kenneth Calman, Mr Bryan Hartley, Mr Philip Cox, QC, Mr John Norton and Mr Ian Simpson.

Royal Over-Seas League
Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare was the guest of honour and speaker at the members' dinner of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman, presided.

University Women's Club
Mr Nigel Nicolson was the speaker at the dining in dinner of the University Women's Club held last night at 2 Audley Square, W1. Mrs Ruth Jones presided.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:
£100,000: 15RN 700587, winner has a holding of £1,000 and comes from Merseyside; 8YF 388576, £700, Cornwall.
£50,000: 29GB 234198, £18,000, Kensington and Chelsea; 22ET 192802, £9,300, Lincolnshire; 45LZ 992529, £14,000, Lancashire.
£25,000: 23FT 713070, £10,791, overseas; 44NN 524896, £19,995, Devon; 17HZ 264907, £7,501, Suffolk; 26TL 256076, £10,701, Surrey.

The Big Bang Ball

Many floors for dancing and entertainment at The Café Royal on Friday, October 27. £37 ticket and invitations from 0171-931 8849.

Lecture

The Royal Academy of Engineering
Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the 1995 Christopher Hinton Lecture held last night at The Royal Society, London. The guest speaker was Mr John Collier, FRS, FEng, Chairman, Nuclear Electric plc, who spoke on "Sizewell B — from Concept to Completion".

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The instruction he gave was true, and no word of injustice fell from his lips; he walked in harmony with me and in uprightness, and he turned many back from sin. Malachi 2 : 6 (REB).

BIRTHS

BAYLEY - On 16th September 1995, to Annie (née Stogdale) and Mark, a daughter, Matilda Lucy Beatrice.
CANNON - On Thursday 28th September, to Melissa Jane Kingston (née Fraser) and Ben, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Jane Kingston.
FITZSIMONS - On 28th September 1995, in Cambridge, to Philippa and Gerard, a daughter, Beatrice Louise, a sister for Olivia and Harriet.
FOX - September 27, to Robert and Lisa (née Payne), a son, George Henry Hamilton in Dallas, Texas.
FRIEND - 29th September to Barry and Tracie the gift of a daughter Stephanie.
GIBSON - On September 27th, to Lindsey and Jonathan, a son.
GODSI - On September 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Vered and Shlomo Godsi a son, Jonathan Meir, a brother for Taphat.
GOSTICK - On September 24th at The Portland Hospital, to TJ and Mike, a beautiful daughter, Evie, a sister for Nina.
HUME - On 2nd October 1995 at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Diane (née Cozens) and Alastair, a son, Alexander William.
KEANE - On September 28th 1995, to Beverley (née McIntyre) and Brendan, a son, James Alexander.
MAUDE - On September 28th, to Charlotte (née Fenn) and Jason, a daughter, Isabel.
ROGERSON - See Fitzsimons.
RUIZ - On October 2nd at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Christina (née Richard) and Sam, a daughter, Amelia.
SHEPPARD - On September 26th, to Lorna (née Raw) and Pierre, a son, Rory William Toby, a brother for Holly.
SMITH - On September 12th, to Debby (née Alexander) and Christopher, a daughter, Emily Sarah Alexander, a sister for Jamie.
SMITH - On Saturday September 30th, to Stephen and Boomey, a son, Oscar Jacob (Jake), a brother to India-Rose.
WALLACE - On September 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Harcourt) and Rob, a beautiful daughter, Octavia Jane Richmal.
WATERKEYN - On September 30th 1995, to Virginia (née Brennan) and Mark, a son, Charles Michael.
WILLIAMS - On September 26th, to Andrea (née Minichiello) and Gareth, a beautiful baby daughter, Lily Louise.

DEATHS

AUSTIN - Desmond Harold Fryer died suddenly on 27th September aged 69. His ashes will be placed next to his dear wife Colette in Highgate West Cemetery. He will be greatly missed by his two sons, Nick and Michel, his brother David and his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, on Friday 6th October at 2 pm. Donations to Cancer Research Fund or British Diabetic Association c/o Leverton & Sons (0181) 455-4992.
BEESLEY - On 2nd October 1995 in hospital Lt. Col. Richard Stanley Garfield (late R.E. and R.C.T.) aged 70 years. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary, father of Ann, Jill and Jem, and grandfather of seven. No flowers please. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday 6th October, 3.30 pm.
BOISSIER - Patricia, on October 1st in Winchester after a long illness. Widow of Capt. Martin Boissier DSO, RN. Dearly loved sister of Ronnie (Hervey), adored aunt of Tim, Jennie, Martin and Roger. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium on Friday October 13th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.
BUTLER - Patrick (Pat) Maynard Warren. On 30th September 1995 peacefully in hospital in Hereford aged 87, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at St James's Parish Church, Colwall, Malvern, on Tuesday 10th October at 1.30 pm.
CAVENDISH - Henry Siegel on October 1st aged 87 suddenly but peacefully, beloved husband of Didi and father of William. Private cremation. Donations if wished to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers.
CLAY - Shirley greatly beloved wife of David, loving mother of Simon and Nicholas, died peacefully at home in Grimsby on October 1st. Funeral to be held at Grimsby Crematorium Friday October 13th 1.30pm. No flowers please but donations in lieu to the Hospice Movement. Shirley will always be remembered.
CORBET BURCHER - On Monday 2nd October 1995 at home Mollie with her sons Mark and Andrew. Short service at 9.30 am Friday 6th October at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham. Donations if wished to Sunshine Fund for Children, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.
CRONIN - Formerly Madden and née Flavin, 2nd October 1995, peacefully at her home at Mount Merrion Co Dublin. Josephine (Jo) formerly of Youghal and Liverpool. Much loved mother of John, Clodagh and Angela. Deeply regretted by her sister Maureen, her relatives and friends. R.I.P.
DAVIS - On October 2nd as a result of a road accident. Mark of Berkhamsted. Loving husband of Wendy and loved daddy of Rachelle and Samuel. Funeral Service on Saturday October 7th at Kings Road Evangelical Church, Berkhamsted at 10.30 am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Emmaus Christian Healing Trust. Enquiries to Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, tel: (01442) 864548.
DOUGLAS-DUFRESNE - Elsa peacefully after a short illness on 26th September 1995 aged 83 years. Loving and a much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Requiem Mass Worth Abbey, Crawley Monday 9th October 2.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o T.W. Boorman Funeral Service, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8AA, tel: (01892) 541070.
ELAND - On October 2nd 1995 Cyril Anthony of Oxford. Formerly of the British Council. Brother of Roger and Michael. Funeral Private, no flowers. All enquiries to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE.
FALCONER - Peacefully at The Pillar House, Bow of Fife on Saturday September 30th 1995. Catherine Charlotte aged 85 years. Formerly of Alexandra Place St. Andrews. Devoted sister of the late Prof. Alexander Frederick Falconer. Funeral Service in Hunter Memorial Aisle of Holy Trinity Parish Church, St. Andrews on Thursday October 5th at 11 am. Thereafter to The Western Cemetery for 11.30 am to which all friends are respectfully invited.
GREENWAY - Howard John, died peacefully at home in Shutford on October 1st 1995. Late of Sugarswell Farm Shenington. "Now soaring with the angels". Funeral service on Friday, October 6th at Tysoe Methodist Church, 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury OX16 8DG.
GRUSZECKA - Irena wife of the late Leszek Gruszecki. Much loved mother of Ewa and Krystyna and grandmother of Anna Baker. Died peacefully at home in Glasgow on September 30th aged 77. Mass to be held at St Ann's Oratory, Randolph Place, Edinburgh at 10.30am on Saturday October 7th followed by cremation at Warriston Crematorium at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Medical Aid for Poland, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD.
HARVEY - Henry Stanley died on September 28th 1995 aged 84. Husband first of Elsie, then of Susan, father of Elizabeth and Ann-Louise, Justin and Adam. Funeral at the Church of St Peter, Willersey, on Saturday October 7th at 12 noon. Flowers to Tomlins, 35 The Leys, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 5AP. tel: (01386) 765133.
HARVEY - Lt. Colonel R.G.O. "Dick" DSO OBE JP DL Leicestershire Regiment and formerly of Londonderry, passed away peacefully at Hereford County Hospital on 30th September - his 93rd birthday. A much loved husband of Dorothy, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A true gentleman. Private family funeral. Enquiries to A.W. Hughes F/D. Sunnymead, Gladestry, Kington, Herefordshire, (01544) 370217.
HERRON - On October 1st 1995, peacefully at Oakenholt, Farmoor, Oxon. Olga Elizabeth passed away aged 91 years, dearly beloved wife of Vernon. The Funeral Service will take place in the Memorial Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Friday 6th October 1995 at 12.15 pm.
HOARE - M.P.B. Patrick died peacefully at home in Estoril, Portugal, on 1st October 1995 aged 87. Previously Headmaster of Streete Court School, Godstone. Beloved husband of Eileen and father of Deborah and Jonathan. Contact address Rua Cedros, Bloco 1, 4E 2765 Estoril, Portugal.
IRWIN-BROWN - On 2nd October 1995 Ralph Irwin-Brown: peacefully at home. Loving husband of Margaret and dear father of Marcus, Georgina and James. Family funeral only.
JONES - Alexander Charles dearest companion of Ruth died September 26th 1995, aged 65.
KAULBACK - Lt. Col. Ronald John Henry Kaulback O.B.E. (late S.O.E.) aged 86 suddenly on October 2nd at home. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, adored father of Sonia, Susan, Bryan and Peter and beloved grandfather. Cremation at Hereford on Saturday 7th October at 10 am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Catherine's Church, Hoarwithy, Herefordshire at 11 am. No flowers please, donations if desired to Much Birch Nursing Fund, c/o William Bevan, Funeral Directors, 16 Old Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford HR9 5JG.
KINDERSLEY - The Honourable Philip Leyland, on October 2nd 1995, younger son of the late Baron Kindersley. Beloved husband of Valerie and much loved father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne near Marlborough, Wiltshire at 4 pm on Thursday October 5th. No mourning. Family flowers only.
LASHBROOK - Peter died suddenly in Cape Town 29th September. Desperately missed and loved by us all. God bless you Dad. Julie, Philip, Gerald, Linda, Mark, Jeanette, Lisa, Peter, Anne, Marjorie and Margaret.
MALLABER - (née Eddowes) on September 27th 1995. Peacefully in her sleep, Joyce aged 78 years, (former Librarian North London Collegiate School). Mother of Janet and Judy and Sister of Bill. Service at Middletown Parish Church (near Welshpool, Powys) on Tuesday October 10th at 11.30 am. Enquiries (0151) 645-4396.
McVEIGH - David, aged 49, adored husband of Sallie. Died on 29th September, of cancer following a courageous fight. Funeral at St Thomas', Woolton Hill, near Newbury at 11.30 am on 7th October 1995. Flowers to Camp Hopson Funeral Directors, 6-12 Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berkshire.
MERCER - On September 28th 1995, peacefully, Dr. Edith Mercer O.B.E. aged 90, beloved sister of Doris. She will be greatly mourned by her family and many friends. Funeral on Monday October 9th at The Chapel, Traffic House, Dorking at 3.15 pm to where flowers may be sent. Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons tel: (01306) 882266.
OLDFIELD - On Friday 29th September 1995 in Worthing Hospital, William Robinson Oldfield aged 78 years, Latterly of Worthing. Wartime R.A.F. Pilot and P.O.W. from 1941-1945. Also retired British Council Officer. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Monday 9th October at 2.20pm. All flowers and enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd. tel: (01903) 234516.
PERCIVAL - Suddenly on September 30th, Russell Edward. Devoted husband of the late Rose and beloved father of Philip. Funeral Service at 12 noon on October 10th in San Pedro. Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.
PORTER - On October 2nd (suddenly) at Edgerton Green, Edgerton, Huddersfield, Margaret aged 78 years. The dearly loved wife of the late John Leslie Porter, dearest mother of John Anthony, mother-in-law of Kathie and loving grannie of Helen, Sarah, John and Tom. Service and cremation at Huddersfield Crematorium on Friday October 6th at 10 am. Will relatives and friends please accept this the only intimation. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu if desired for The British Heart Foundation Fund may be left with F. Lindley & Son Funeral Directors, Hepworth, Huddersfield. tel: (01484) 682732.
ROGERS - Lt. Col. Hugh Francis, MBE. Late The Queen's Lancashire Regiment and Military Knight of Windsor. Peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on 1st October, after a long illness borne with great courage. Dearly loved husband of Paddy, devoted father to Alistair, and brother of Michael. Funeral Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 3pm Tuesday 10th October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Army Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to St George's Chapter Office (01753) 865538.
SCOTT - On October 2nd 1995. The Reverend John Melville Scott M.A. (Oxon) Dip T.H., formerly Rector of Edgware and Vicar of Woodford Wells, aged 86 years, beloved husband of Elsie, wonderful father to Gordon and Heather, much loved grandfather and Pastor to many. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 10th October at Campton Church, Bedfordshire 2.30 pm.
STACKARD - On October 1st, in Winchester, Ruth Mary, in her 101st year. Mother of Angela Hunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Enq. to Jno. Steel & Son (01962) 844044.
STENHOLM - On September 30th 1995, peacefully at home after a short illness. Frances aged 87 years. Wife of the late Charles, mother of Gillian and grandmother of Stephen, Mark and Sarah. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Dorking on Friday 6th October at 11.30 am. Flowers to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.
TABOR - Joan. One good kind and caring woman left us suddenly on September 26th. So respected and loved by so many, especially her husband Sidney, her children Lyn, Jane and John, their spouses and her seven grandchildren. Our world is now short of one very good listener.
TOURS - Ruth Grace died peacefully on September 30th at Perrins House N/H, Malvern, aged 89. She was the much loved wife of the late Kenneth Tours CMG and loving mother of John and Henry, grandmother to Peter, David, Annelise, Michael, Paul and Matthew. Funeral Service at 12.30 pm Monday 9th October at Worcester Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries c/o F.W. Spilsbury, Upper Howsell, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 1TL, (01684) 892777.
TOVELL - Major Charles MBE (ret'd), Parachute Regiment, peacefully in hospital on 30th September 1995 after a short illness. Dearly loved husband of Edith and father of Caroline and Elizabeth. Beloved papa of Charlotte, Oliver, Victoria and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at St Augustine's Church, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, at 12.45 pm on Monday 9th October. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Airborne Services Security Fund, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 2BU.
TRAINER - Dr. James Lorraine, F.D.S., R.C.S. (Edinburgh). At Borders General Hospital, on Sunday 1st October 1995. James Lorraine, Kelso, husband of Marjorie, father of John, William and Lorraine and grandfather of Kirsty and Camilla. Funeral Service at Kelso Old Parish Church on Friday 6th October at 1pm, to which all friends are warmly invited, thereafter to Kelso New Cemetery at 1.45pm.
VILLIERS-STUART - On September 30th in hospital Eileen Nora aged 93. Widow of Colonel J.P. Villiers-Stuart C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. Devoted and loved stepmother of Stella and the late Claire and John. Loved and loving mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium on Monday October 9th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Artist's Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, London W1V 0DJ.
VIRDEN - Rosalie Jane (née Myres) died on September 30th at home in Stoke Poges aged 88. Cremation Slough 11.30 am Thursday October 12th. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B. or P.D.S.A.
WARNOCK - On October 2nd 1995, peacefully at Oakcroft House Nursing Home, West Byfleet. Alexander William Warnock D.S.C. aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Joan, father of Diane and Peter and grandfather to Francesca, Carly, Nicola and Helen. Funeral Service on Monday October 9th at Randalls Park Crematorium Leatherhead at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o G Bonnell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QL, tel: (01932) 348057.
WATT - Nancy, born HMS Rathbone, widow of Sir Godfrey Watt, and mother of the late Michael. Two months short of her 105th birthday. Loved by three generations of her family and her friends at Shanti Sedan. Cremation at Golders Green Monday 16th October at 2.30 pm. Burial of ashes at Childwall, Liverpool, at a later date. Family flowers only. Donations please to Childrens' Country Holidays Fund, 42 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RG.
WATSON - On September 30th 1995 peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Gordon Watson aged 47 of Cobbets, Surrey. Husband of "Maggie", dear father of Alistair and Dominic and much loved son of Joan and the late Bill. Service at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Friday October 6th at 4.30 pm.
WESTERN - On 3rd October 1995 peacefully at home, John Leslie aged 87, beloved husband of the late Sylvia, devoted and greatly loved father of Gillian and Felicity and grandfather of Lucinda, Joanna, Jonathan and Nicola. Service at Guildford Crematorium 11 am Saturday 7th October. Family flowers but donations, if wished, to R.N.L.I. c/o Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY.
WILSON - Sir Alan aged 89, on September 30th, father of Peter and John. Funeral to be held at St Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley at 12 noon on Wednesday 11th October. Private burial on Thursday 12th October at Coventry. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for The National Meningitis Trust may be sent to J.A. Clark & Son, 103 Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BX, tel: (0181) 449-3578.
WYNDHAM FOUND - Mavis Evelyn peacefully on 30th September 1995, aged 86. Beloved wife of the late John Wyndham Found, mother of Nigel and Angela, grandmother of Tessa, Bobby, Edward and Sophie and of Christopher and Simon, great-grandmother of Harry and Kitty. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street 1.40 pm precisely, Friday 6th October 1995, followed by private burial. Funeral directors J.H. Kenyon Ltd 0171 229 3810. Family flowers only with donations, as desired, to Green Pastures Christian Nursing Home, Banbury OX16 9FA, in appreciation of their mercy and compassion.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DOUGALL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr. James Dougall will be held at All Saints Church on Portland, Dorset on Tuesday, October 10th at noon.
WILLIAMS - W.W. of Appin, Argyll. A Memorial Service for Mr W.W. Williams will be held in Fitzwilliam College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday 14th October at 2.45 pm.

OBITUARIES

LYNETTE ROBERTS

Lynette Roberts, poet, died in Ferryside, Dyfed, on September 26 aged 86. She was born in Buenos Aires on July 4, 1909.

AFTER coming to the notice of T. S. Eliot who had read her work in magazines, Lynette Roberts became known to a wider public through her two volumes of verse, *Poems* (1944) and *Gods with Stainless Ears* (1951), which were published, thanks to Eliot, by Faber and Faber. In the mid-1950s, however, her poetic gift deserted her and she wrote no more verse. Indeed, only towards the end of her life was she able to contemplate her writing with any degree of satisfaction, and at the same time to urge the young to write.

Nevertheless, small though her output was, it can be seen that hers is an authentic voice, part of the tradition of Welsh-speaking English writers of verse. A new collection of her poems, which includes previously unpublished material, is currently being prepared for publication by the Seren Press.

Evelyn Beatrice Roberts was the eldest of four children, whose parents, Australians of Welsh extraction, settled in Argentina where her father became general manager and director of the country's Western Railways. Her childhood was disturbed, as she recounts in her hitherto unpublished autobiography, which is also due to appear in print.

At the outbreak of war in 1914, her father went from Argentina to Bournemouth with his family and horses en route to the Western Front. Lynette and her eldest sister, Winifred, were boarded out in circumstances that became traumatic, but eventually they were rescued by their mother. After a period of tension, her parents were reunited in Argentina after the war.

Her mother, however, died of typhoid shortly afterwards, having drunk contaminated water from a well. Lynette, who was at a convent school in Buenos Aires, was sent with her sisters and brother to England, where she completed her education at the Central School of Arts and Crafts.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 she moved to Wales where she married the writer and editor Keidrych Rhys and settled in a tiny, two-roomed, whitewashed cottage called Ty Gwyn (White House) in the village of Llanybri, near Llansteffan in Carmarthenshire. Indeed, she did not think of herself as a poet until she reached Llanybri, "the village of lace and stone", as she called it in her poem *Lamentation*. It was there that Roberts wrote the poems for which she is now remembered, especially after Keidrych Rhys was called up for war service.

The poems she produced during the war were complemented by a diary (now being prepared for publication after her *Collected Poems*), a study of village dialect, published in 1944, and much research into Welsh mythological, historical and literary material. The fruits of this she shared with Robert Graves, who was at this time composing what became *The White Goddess* (1948). Extracts from their correspondence were published in a special number of *Poetry Wales* in 1983. This brought her name back into the public domain and she was elected to Yr Academi Gymreig (the Welsh Academy) immediately afterwards.

Roberts's poetry was inspired by her passionate identification with the way of life of Llanybri. In her poems she casts herself as a bard proclaiming the values of her people and repeatedly quotes from Welsh sources, including Bishop Morgan's Bible, by way of explaining her opposition to war. In *Gods with Stainless Ears*, she quotes one of the villagers likening the soldiers who were engaged in coastal defence to the men who went to Catraeth (where they were defeated by the Saxons) in Aneirin's 6th-century poem *The Gododdin*. She urges the villagers to defend their values and aligns her poetry in sympathy with them.

While Roberts's poems encompass these wider matters, they also embrace personal concerns; she may have been a non-combatant but she was fighting a war of her own. For a while she felt estranged from Llanybri; she suffered a miscarriage and nearly bled to death; and she missed Rhys. It was to her poems and diary that she turned for her mainstay. Here she reflects on the cows being taken in for milking of an evening:

WAR. There's no sense in it.
Just look at her two lovely eyes
Look at those green big big eyes
And the way she hangs her tail
WAR. There's no sense in it
For us simple people
We all get on so well . . .
Hal-e-bant Fan Fach.
Hal-e-bant for the day is long
We must strengthen it
Ourselves.

When poems like these began to be printed in magazines, T. S. Eliot was attracted by Roberts's powers of observation, her original idiom, her gift for verse construction (partly influenced by her studies in Welsh-language poetry) and her ability to evoke scenery and place. In *Gods with Stainless Ears*, she also showed herself to be a fully-fledged modernist in the Eliot manner, employing his "mythic method" with many learned references and allusions.

Roberts's marriage to Keidrych Rhys was dissolved in 1949 and she moved for a while to Laugharne, across the River Taf, home of her friend Dylan Thomas (who had been best man at her wedding). For a while she lived in a caravan with her two children, Angharad and Prydein.

She then moved to England, where she enjoyed the friendship and support of Edith Sitwell and Wyndham Lewis. She published a book on Captain Cook's first voyage to Australia, *The Endeavour*, in 1954, but her third volume of verse was rejected by T. S. Eliot. Sadly, her muse had deserted her. In 1955 she suffered a breakdown and gave up poetry. Thereafter, her life was marked by increasing paranoia and hallucinations.

In 1969 she returned to Llanybri and eventually Carmarthen, where she lived a simple life, often unwell, physically and mentally. She found her consolation in religious studies and became a Jehovah's Witness. Her last years were spent in relative contentment in a home across the water from Llansteffan, almost within view of Llanybri. She at last began to take pleasure in reading and discussing her poetry again and encouraged the republication of her poems. The only sadness is that she did not live to see them re-emerge.

Verses like the following:

Washing like flies to pin of elbow, soldiers
Under ciliated moon shake off floatings
Of soap; strike code on oxidised zinc; polish
Bayonets clean as the cut of the moon to
Sharpen inactivity. Spark electric cells

Of air into a prism of light as they
Shoulder the blades on parade. A shark wind teethes,
Strips fields; striating black fullstops under hedge:
Bellying-white trees as they stand caustic

And chagrin.

establish her as an original voice, part of that remarkable surge of Welsh English-speaking writers that took place from the middle years of the century onwards.

Lynette Roberts is survived by her daughter and son.

MOLLIE HARRIS

Mollie Harris, actress, broadcaster and writer, died on October 3 aged 82. She was born on June 23, 1913.

THE quintessential English countrywoman, Mollie Harris spoke with a gentle mellifluous burr which, for millions of radio listeners, has become synonymous with the nation's rural life. For 25 years she played Martha Woodford, keeper of the Penny Hassett post-office shop in *The Archers*.

Breathing richness and veracity into the character, Harris took Martha from her beginnings as an attractive widow, through the various dalliances and adventures of maturer years, and into the eccentricities of an old age spent struggling to come to terms with ghosts and VAT slips, and with the task of keeping the phone box clean. Martha's character became almost inseparable from Harris's own.

Harris always declared herself a countrywoman first and an actress second. She had been brought up in a close-knit rural community, where the cows wound home through leafy lanes, where carthorses still pulled the wains and cottage rooms flickered in evening candlelight. It was this air of bucolic England which Harris brought to *The Archers*, managing to meld it with the changing times. She kept apace as the everyday story of country folk gradually became the tale of a more modern world: of Range Rovers and rural poverty, of hippy convoys and animal rights.

Born in the Cotswold village of Ducklington, near Witney, Harris and her six brothers and sisters were brought up in "happy poverty". Her parents had to struggle to make ends meet. They grew vegetables and kept hens, and every year, when their Cotswold relations sent a couple of rabbits by post, with legs tied together and brown paper labels, and their mother baked them with onions and brown dripping, there was a memorable feast.

Harris was educated at the local village school, but perhaps her most valuable lessons were learnt at the side of her mother who taught her the names of butterflies and flowers. At the age of 14 she left school and went with her sister to work at a laundry in Witney where they took on ironing — one of the few tasks which Harris was to hate for the rest of her life.

During the war she drove a grocer's lorry, delivering sugar, salt and flour, loading and unloading the 2cwt sacks unaided. There were no signposts in those days. Through trial and error she learnt her way around the Cotswold lanes. She knew the area like the back of her hand and though when she married in 1937 she moved from her native village, she never lived more than a few miles away from it for the rest of her life.

After the war was over Harris continued to work part-time for a wholesale grocer, but found seasonal employment on local farms, picking and sorting potatoes and bringing in the harvest. It was here that she began to jot down the country stories that she heard, and to make notes of the recipes of the farmers' wives.

When she sent these stories to the producer of *In The Country*, a programme presented by Phil Drabble, her broadcasting career began. Harris became a regular contributor to the programme, and her voice grew familiar to all the listeners of the Midlands Home Service.

Some of her work was subsequently accepted on other programmes, including *Regional Extra*. She was one of the first voices on the new BBC Radio Oxford, and presented Radio 4's *The Countryside . . . Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter* as well as a cookery series for BBC Midlands. In her television interviews her gentle rural manner set even the most baffled interviewees at their ease. She wrote more than a dozen books about country life.

In 1970 Harris joined *The Archers* which, now the longest running soap opera, is soon to celebrate its 45th anniversary. It is estimated to have upwards of four million regular listeners. "The voice of Mollie Harris became part of daily life for a whole generation," said Michael Green, Controller of BBC Radio 4. But despite her success, Harris never strayed far from her country roots. She never came to the studio without wearing a flower, and her delicious home baking and potent sloe gin were always popular with other members of the cast.

Though because of illness her last transmitted appearance was on August 29, her family will be consulted as to how they would like her character to be written out of the script.

She is survived by a son.

HIS HONOUR CHRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE

His Honour Christopher Cunliffe, a Circuit Judge, and formerly a County Court Judge, 1966-82, died on September 23 aged 79. He was born on February 28, 1916.

CHRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE came from a strongly medical family. His father, who died when he was nine, was a consultant at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Two brothers, who like him went to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, were also doctors. So is one of his daughters. A sole legal influence was an uncle, Sir Herbert Cunliffe, one-time Unionist MP, Chancery silk and Attorney-General to the Duchy of Lancaster from 1921 to 1946, a model that drew him to the Bar, but to a very different type of work.

By nature absorbed in human drama, especially sorting out the emotions they generated, he centred his time at the Bar and on the Bench on family issues, crime and a wide run of common law cases. He gave perhaps too much of himself to one-off cases, which may explain why, as a young head of a Liverpool chambers before moving to Sussex in 1968, he did not become a QC. Other interests were as a coroner, in mental health and for medico-legal work.

A formative spell had been a prewar year in North Borneo as a legal cadet, handing out palm-tree justice. This and wartime RAF intelligence work in India, created a lasting enthusiasm for the Far East.

Born in Manchester, after Rugby, he read Law at Cambridge, before taking a colonial posting, like many would-be barristers, aware of a potential shortage of briefs in the early phase of a highly competitive career. He had been called by Lincoln's Inn in 1938. In British North Borneo, then run by a trading company, at the age of only 23 he had virtual power of life-and-death in up-country cases.

He was desperate to enrol in 1940 but, with problems getting back to Europe, was about to sign papers for the Indian Army when a Dutch freighter took him home. He served in the RAFVR from 1941 to 1946. After training, he was posted to India where he assessed air reconnaissance reports. Later he was in the Judge Advocate General's Branch.

With the war over, he returned and joined the Northern Circuit, staying there for 20 years. He was made a circuit junior within a couple of years. He was very popular and it made him a lasting devotee of Circuit traditions. In 1947 he had joined a Merseyside set headed by Melville Kennan, whom he replaced in 1958.

Cunliffe had already been a Liverpool deputy coroner from 1953, which he found forensically fascinating, and chaired a National Insurance Tribunal in Bootle from 1956. In the late 1950s he was also a Tory councillor in Neston, Cheshire. From 1961 he chaired a Mental Health Review Tribunal in southwest Lancashire and west Cheshire.

Thus, he had his work cut out. It did not stop him acting to give every backing and steer work to new tenants, often prone to early exit from the Bar after opening discouragements. He was happy to put aside his own briefs to devote his energy to theirs.

A key case as a coroner was in 1964-65 after a fire at a big Liverpool department store in which several people died. Cunliffe made an impact as tribunal chief and in 1966 he was made a County Court judge, acting also as a Commissioner in early, experimental Crown Courts in Liverpool and Manchester, only set up throughout the country in 1972.

In 1968, he moved to the South, with his family and took up County Court work in Hampshire and Sussex, often sitting at Chichester. He strongly involved himself in divorces, especially the welfare of children and, as with mental health patients released from "sections", went out of his way to keep in touch and keep an eye on their future wellbeing. Impatience occasionally surfaced with solicitors, when barristers were badly briefed, and with the Lord Chancellor's Department, which was intervening increasingly often to control timetables and to take the choice of cases away from judges themselves.

That emerged again after 1982, when, having retired, he went back to help out with the caseload in Sussex, but rarely had much advance notice of where he was sitting. In the mid-1980s, he was also called over to Cyprus for a seven-week stint, hearing cases in the Sovereign Base Area after a local judge died.

By nature Cunliffe was a reconciler. Often in Sussex, he was in demand to advise, with a sagacious eye, on the problems of his neighbours. He was as happy chatting to them in a general way, often evoking his own fund of shaggy-dog stories.

Golf, especially for the Bar Golfing Society, took him across the country to many courses and led to many friendships. In Liverpool, he was known for leaving court early to add lustre to his chipping, his speciality. His handicap, at one point, was an exceptional one. Only six months before he died, he scored a hole-in-one. Other passions were for gardening and photography, especially on safari in East Africa.

He is survived by a wife, Margaret, and two daughters, one of whose son also went to Trinity Hall, giving him great satisfaction.

PERSONAL COLUMN

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

SPIEGEL - Jack C. passed away 4th October 1993 in Hallandale, USA. Wife, children and grandchildren in loving everlasting memory.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RICHARDS - Mrs Miriam Richards and the family of the late Elwyn Richards wish to express their thanks for the kind thoughts and sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement and for the generous donations to Asthma Research. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

LEGAL NOTICES

RAMESH BABOO BARBOUM (MATTAR on Bankruptcy). In the High Court No. 80 of 1994 Bankruptcy Order Number 80/94. Date of Order 21-Oct-1994. Flat 18 Pellopella Centre, Egypt and lately residing at 84 Crescent Road Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 2PG and carrying on business as a Technical Manager.

The Insolvency Act 1986. In accordance with rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S Rose, MPA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of S Rose & Company, 21 Forestdale, Southgate, London N14 7DY, was appointed Trustee of the above matter by the Secretary of State on 15th September 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated this 21st day of September 1995

S ROSE, MPA, Liquidator.

Southwell Electrical Services Limited

In Compulsory Liquidation - In the Medway County Court 19-Of-1995

Company Number 1932145

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Dated this 21st day of September 1995

S ROSE, MPA, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Catharine Nagle (in bankruptcy) of 49 Cunningham Road, Shepherds Bush, London W12 In the High Court No. 8643 of 1992

The Insolvency Act 1986. In accordance with rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S Rose, MPA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of S Rose & Company, 21 Forestdale, Southgate, London N14 7DY, was appointed Trustee in the above matter by the Secretary of State on 15th February 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

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Somewhere in France.

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First in the order of danger is the Regimental Aid Post, where the regimental doctor, with his stretcher-bearers, awaits, alongside the men who are to clamber "over the top," the bloody fruits of battle. In the early days of the war, before we had discovered the secret, or had the means, to blast our road into Germany by ceaseless shells, the Regimental Aid Post was, as a rule, in some deserted farmhouse as near to the front trench as possible. To-day, as we advance, our guns leave nothing standing, so that what was once perhaps a château is now only a stretch of rubble. There is therefore but little available cover for the doctors or the others before "consolidation".

The stretcher-bearers stagger in with their load. There is a lightning diagnosis, an antiseptic application, bandaging, a hastily-written label tied to the man's breast, and the wounded one is borne off and away in the open to the next stage, the Advanced Dressing Station, which is as often as not also pushed right up into the fire zone.

I know no more moving experience than an afternoon in an advanced dressing station. Let me describe that of West Péronne. Its location is changed now, so I am giving the enemy no information. We reached it on a heavy and sultry Sunday afternoon by hiding ourselves behind anything possible. Dust and smoke gave the atmosphere of a coming thunderstorm, the thudding of the guns on both sides was incessant.

There was no sign of anything in the nature of a hospital, a tent, or of anything above ground. I was getting somewhat weary of being told to lie down flat every few seconds to avoid bursting shells, when I saw a couple of stretcher-bearers coming through the haze as from nowhere and then disappear underground. "It is underneath there," I was told by my guide, whose daily duty it was to inspect these medical outposts.

As quickly as possible we got down into a trench and followed the stretcher-bearers. There, in the darkness, lit by a few candles, we gradually made out a very grim scene. Owing to the heavy enemy shell fire what I soon found to be an underground maze had become completely blocked with wounded men lying in the dark on their stretchers, the passage ways dug out of the clayish earth being just the width of a stretcher-handle and no more. We trod gently from stretcher handle to stretcher handle over the silent men, some of them asleep with the blessed morphia in their brains, others cheerily smiling, others staring as wounded men do. All who could move a hand had a cigarette — now admitted to be the first need of all but the very dangerously wounded . . .

ON THIS DAY

October 4, 1916

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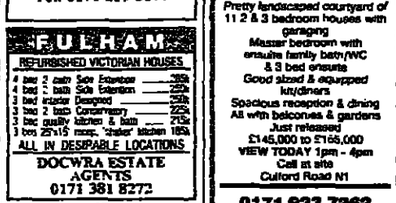

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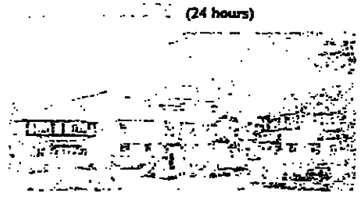

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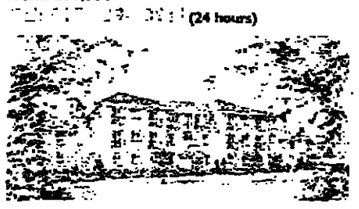

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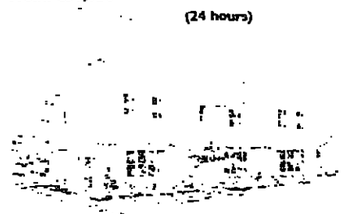

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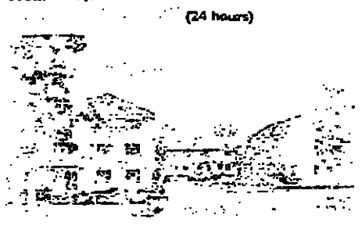

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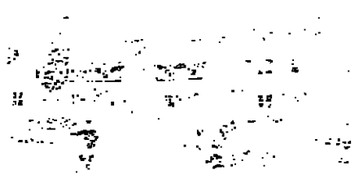

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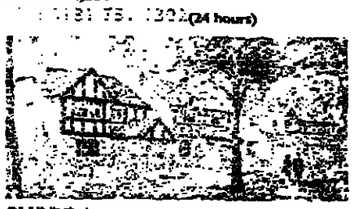

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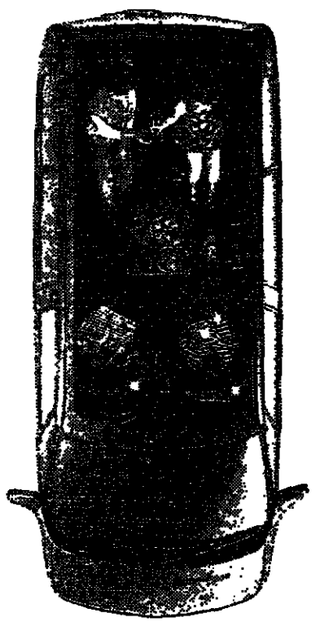

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Self-building booms through the slump

Rachel Kelly reports on the growing trend for constructing a home of your own

Some call themselves "DIY home builders", others prefer "self-builders" or "owner-builders". However you describe them, those organising the design and construction of their own homes are a growing breed.

The self-build market is booming while the rest of the property market slumps. More than 14,000 new homes have been built by individuals in the first six months of this year, a rise of 6 per cent on the same period last year, according to new figures published by the trade magazine *Build It*. This compares with 30,792 new homes started this year by volume builders, according to figures from the New Homes Marketing Board. The sixth National Self-Build Homes Show, at Alexandra Palace last month, attracted 32,000 visitors, an increase of 9 per cent on last year's numbers.

Those who do not know a plasterer's hawk from a club hammer may feel they should stop reading here. Self-building, after all, conjures images of life in overalls and holing up in a caravan for months while you build your dream home. Not so. The vast majority of self-builders actually buy building kits, complete down to the last brick, from companies that cater specially for the trade. *Build It* magazine estimates that four out of five self-builders are just managers, bringing in subcontractors and other professionals to do the nitty-gritty.

You will have to acquire your own plot of land, though, and one problem in building your own home has always been finding a suitable site. Some house-kit firms, however, will help you to find a plot.

People wishing to commission their own homes can also take advantage of the current market withdrawal of the large housebuilders.

Firms such as Tarmac, Berkeley Group and Lovell are now seeking to release their land banks or sell off spare plots to self-builders. Some of them exhibited at last month's show for the first time.

While Wales and Scotland are probably the cheapest places to build your own home, the easiest must be Milton Keynes, where the development corporation has long been keen to introduce individuality into housing.

The biggest attraction for such "wannabuilders" is the idea of realising a dream. There is something elemental in the desire to build your own home and the practice is commonplace in America and in much of the rest of Europe. But money is also important. Self-builders can save cash by doing some of the work themselves, by cutting out the developer's profit, and by saving some of the 17.5 per cent VAT on building materials payable by commercial builders. The Customs and Excise rules are tricky: they allow self-builders to claim back most of the VAT payable on obvious items such as kitchen units, double glazing, bathroom fittings and gas fires, but excluding carpets, cookers and electric fires.

John Greene, managing director of Border Oak Design and Construction, a supplier of timber-frame kits, has seen a 50 per cent increase in turnover in the past year. "As property prices continue to fall, self-builders find themselves having a financial safety net, as their new homes are worth more on the day that they are finished than the cost of building them," he says.

> Now it is white-collar workers who are building their own homes'

Maggie White, from another kit firm Medina Gimson, says: "The boom in the market has happened because families have become aware that building your own house doesn't mean having to get your hands dirty. Those building their own homes have changed from those who are involved in the building industry to those with no prior knowledge. They are now white-collar workers."

Building your own home has also become easier since the launch of ASBA — the Association of Self Build Architects, a network of chartered RIBA members. Forty-five practices have now signed up, with another 93 applications for membership waiting in the wings. ASBA offers a freephone number and is promoted nationally. In 1996, ASBA plans to launch a register of suitable companies and products, a code of practice and a national plot register.

In the past, mortgage lenders were wary of making an advance against a house that did not yet exist. Most of them were prepared to lend only 50 to 75 per cent of the cost. Today the Yorkshire and Bradford & Bingley building societies will lend up to 75 per cent, while the Ecology Building Society will lend up to 80 per cent on highly energy-efficient houses.

All loans are subject to detailed planning consent and building regulations approval. To fund a project, self-builders must consult an architect, a National House-Builders Council contractor or a Zurich Municipal Surveyor in order to certificate each stage and to validate a mortgage.

A few lenders are now taking advantage of the enthusiasm for self-building by advancing larger percentage loans. The TSB is offering a 95 per cent mortgage. Alan Dodds, TSB's marketing manager, says: "The self-build sector is expanding rapidly and we want to support customers with aspirations to build their own homes."

Mr Dodds adds that self-builders should not underestimate the problems that they might face. Chief among these are finding a suitable site, negotiating with planners for permission and finding alternative accommodation while the new property is being built. It can take self-builders three to four times as long as a speculative builder to obtain planning permission.

"The costs of self-building often tend to end up higher than builders have anticipated," Mr Dodds says. He also suggests that self-builders need professional advice to check for potential problems with the land site such as restrictive covenants, conservation area limitations or even public rights of way.

● *ASBA: 0800 387310. Finding land: The National Land-Finding Agency 01371 876875 and Landbank Services 01734 618002 provide a list of available plots on subscription. Most firms provide traditional block and brick constructions. The rest are timber-framed. Firms include Border Oak tel 01568 708752, Medina Gimson 01732 770992, Potton 01767 260348*

HOWARD BARLOW

Paul Morrissey and Lorraine Horton built their four-bedroom house in Staffordshire for £76,150; it is now valued at £135,000

The ultimate do-it-yourself challenge

Paul Morrissey and Lorraine Horton, both 25, finished building their new four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in the village of Little Haywood, Staffordshire, at the start of 1994, *Rachel Kelly writes*. The total cost was £76,150; the house has now been valued at £135,000 for mortgage purposes.

Mr Morrissey, a contracts manager, said: "Having helped build properties for other people, I had a driving desire to do it for myself.

"Had we not built the house ourselves, we would never have been able to afford to buy it. It is within the reach of most people if they are prepared to put in the work."

The couple took 11 weeks to build their double-fronted, detached home while they lived in one room loaned to them by Ms Horton's brother near by.

They spent £41,150 on building costs, including fees, and £35,000 on land bought from a local builder, with funding through the Leeds Building Society. Having paid for the plot out of the sale of their previous house in the village, they had just £25 left in the bank. By designing and managing the building project themselves, they saved on building costs.

Mr Morrissey's advice is to plan carefully and seek some specialist advice. The plot already had detailed planning permission, so the couple kept the basic shape of the house, but redesigned the internal layout and gained amended planning permission without using the services of an architect.

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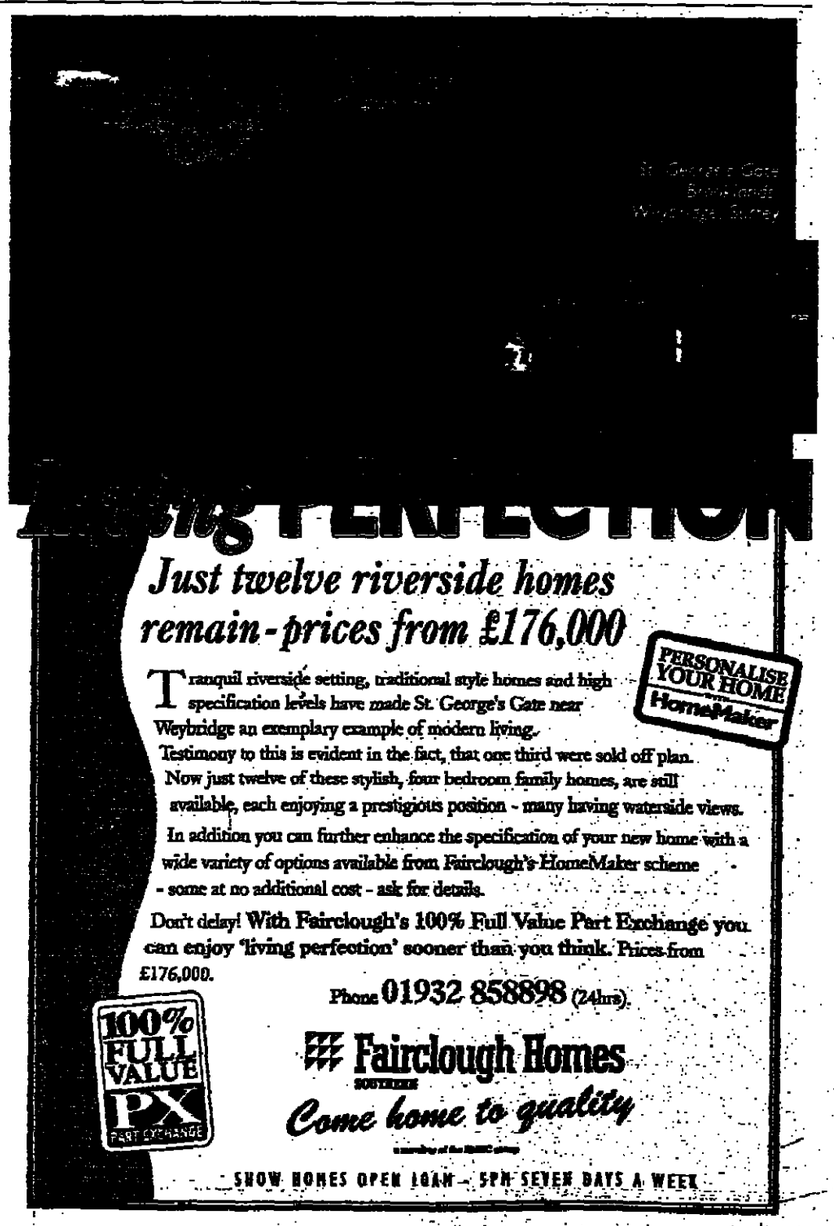

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Sport cannot live on TV cash alone

BRENDA MADDOX

Here's an idea: listed books. Now that the collapse of the Net Book Agreement has threatened our literary culture, the law should declare a few popular books so essential to defining who we are that that they should be given away. They need not be stuffy books — many people would think Delia Smith's summer and winter recipes a cornerstone of national identity.

So why should certain sporting events qualify for protection from the marketplace? Because, a young man shrieked almost to the point of weeping on Channel 4's *Right to Reply* on Saturday, he wanted his children to grow up seeing the same sports that he had enjoyed on television. I forget his name, but I remember Sir Paul Fox's.

At the Royal Television Society's convention in Cambridge last month, Sir Paul, whose many achievements include helping to found *Grandstand* on the BBC, called for political action to preserve much-loved sporting occasions exclusively for terrestrial television. Why? Because they are "a significant factor in uniting the nation".

Since when has that counted for anything? Red telephone boxes were a unifying national experience but, with hard-to-find exceptions, they have gone. The free crossing over the Severn Bridge was a unifying factor, too, between England and Wales, yet out of the blue, one day the bridge had new private owners who charged tolls, and who raise the tariff higher and higher each time the fancy takes them, clogging the lanes of Gloucestershire with small lorries evading the fare.

I might try to sympathise with Sir Paul's plea were it not confined to sports. But why should the FA Cup Final, Wimbledon, the Boat Race and the Grand National be "listed" for the nation's free viewing, and not the climactic moments from *Come Dancing* or *Coronation Street*?

Sports are by no means the most popular spectacle on television, and there is no point citing Torvill and Dean as last year's most-watched sporting event. That's sex, not sport.

The real reason why the law should not intervene — and I said so long before I wrote for a newspaper owned by the part-owner of BSkyB, which is buying up sports rights for satellite television — is that it is not the business of government to stop athletes, with their short, risky working life, or their promoters from selling their services to whomsoever they choose.

Besides, government intervention is muddled and murky. The 1990 Broadcasting Act singles out eight classic events which may not be shown on "pay-per-view" television. But that scarcely exists — nothing in the existing law keeps these sacred spectacles off satellite subscription channels, only from being sold for an additional charge.

Where is the protection for the national interest in that? MPs may clamour for something to be done, but, as with calls for a privacy law, that something is hard to define. At Cambridge, the wise heads of sports all agreed that most sport will end up on satellite television, with boxing leading the way.

And women will not weep. The "listed" sporting events are special only to those who love them — men. The grandiose claim, in the BBC's *People and Programmes*, that they "loom as large as religious feast-days once did" is ludicrous.

The BBC's own graph on sports viewing "by gender" shows that in 1992 football drew only 15 per cent of the women compared with nearly 50 per cent of the men. Neither boxing nor rugby was in the female top ten: on top, and second on the men's list, was snooker — not protected at all.

What sports lovers should be clamouring for is a higher licence fee for the BBC — and more assistance, either from the BBC or the social services, for those who cannot afford to pay it. The BBC in future will have to pay more for less sport, and will need more money to do so: a licence fee pegged below the retail price index is not good enough.

Yet pessimism should not reign unconfined. Football, cricket and racing will not disappear from the free, terrestrial screen because of the self-preservation instincts of clubs and players, who know their sport cannot survive on cash alone. It needs the mass audience, new young fans and sustained attendance. Players, too, know that sponsors will not pay them to wear their branded T-shirts and trainers if only an elite audience is watching.

The electronic box-office has arrived, some 50 years after it was first thought of. In the United States in the late Forties scrambled signals, or "pay-as-you-see TV", were briefly seen as the only way to support a nationwide television service.

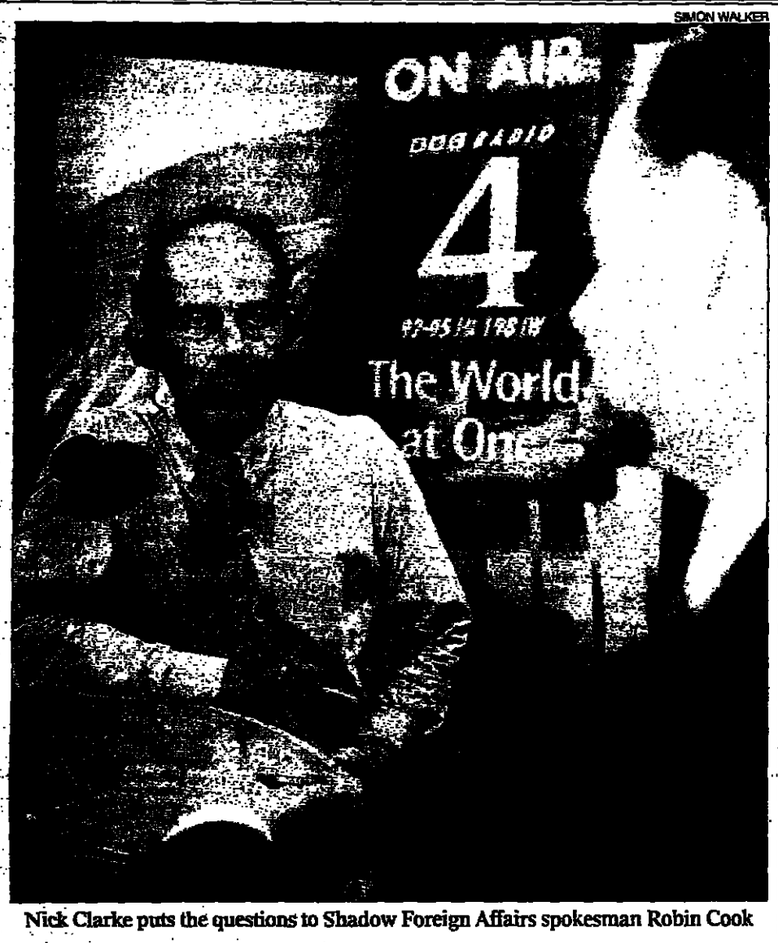
What matters now is to be sure that the electronic boxoffice is open to all sellers, and that the licence fee is kept healthy so that there will be something free for non-buyers to watch.

Differences in sex show up in habits of newspaper reading as well as television viewing. A survey out today by CIA Medialab reveals that men and women devour quite different sections of their papers. Sections devoted to women have the most consistent levels of readership: on average 70 per cent of female readers will read the women's pages. Women also love the weekend review sections, while men gravitate to the business and sports sections.

The survey dispelled the myths that sections are intrinsically unpopular, and confirmed that most readers are irritated by mail-order advertising in colour supplements. But why didn't they ask about the real irritant: the shiny bits that fall out when you are trying to find the section you want? I find it helps to read the weekend newspapers near an open fire.

The art of the interview

Presenter **Nick Clarke** explains why *The World at One* has always got to the heart of the story



SIMON WALKER

Nick Clarke puts the questions to Shadow Foreign Affairs spokesman Robin Cook

"Nick Clarke's interview technique is ill-mannered and absurd. What is the object here?" — one listener's indignation fulminated out of the log of calls to the BBC duty officer. He evidently did not like what he had just heard on Radio 4's *The World at One* — a discussion with the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, on Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the water and electricity companies.

If possible, I always respond to such criticism. This time there was no address, but even if there had been, I doubt whether this critic would have been soothed by the usual words: "... must stem the flow of statistics ... probe the implications of a policy proposal ... put across the listeners' questions ..."

But one little phrase of this complaint stuck in my mind: "What is the object here?" A fair question, and one which *The World at One* still tries to ask itself each morning — even after some 8,000 lunchtimes and 30 years in the business of reporting, and sometimes making, the news.

There are so many political interviews on radio and television, in newspapers and magazines, that we ought to be the best-informed nation on earth. Yet some have all the stimulation of a cup of airline coffee. We are in danger of drowning in a brown broth of words, delivered by experts, and peppered with unsuccessful interjections.

It wasn't always so.

The World at One was in at the start of the whole gargantuan business. The programme was launched on October 17, 1965, by Gerard Mansell, then head of the BBC Home Service. Mansell had noticed how audiences of several million dropped off rapidly after the ten-minute news bulletin at 1pm, which at that time was followed by entertainment programmes.

In an attempt to keep listeners tuned it, Mansell asked the team that produced and presented the Home Service's midday magazine programme, *This Time of Day*, to come up with an extended lunchtime news programme. Together, *This Time of Day*'s editor Andrew Boyle and the programme's main presenter William Hardcastle came up with *The World at One*.

Three weeks after launch, Ian Smith declared UDI in Rhodesia, providing the programme with a major breaking story and enabling it to put itself firmly on the broadcast news map.

Because the programme grew out of a soft-news, magazine show, it had a slightly different approach to news coverage from other BBC radio news programmes, such as the agenda-setting, ankle-biting and forward-looking *Today*.

By concentrating on the morning's events, *The World at One* can consider the issues that have emerged and which are manifestly on our listeners' minds, even though they do not figure on the politician's agenda — the sort of thing a spin-doctor likes to tidy away under "any other business". I think of it as the solid substance of a meeting (the day's events) at which our listeners have every right to be represented.

The World at One had regularly reported on — and explained — public concern over live animal shipments before the television cameras rolled up. We picked up very quickly the popular sentiment in favour of Cornish fishermen during their contretemps with the Spanish.

Back in 1965 Hardcastle, a former Editor of the *Daily Mail*, also helped to break the taboo that an interviewer's role was to act as a conduit for the views of the great and the good. In the 1980s Sir Robin Day brought to the programme his own particular brand of healthy disrespect. His famous rebuke to Roy Hattersley — "Check it Roy" sometimes seems almost tame.

These would have been hard acts to follow even if I had not reached the presenter's seat at a time of such political and presentational profligacy.

We are prepared to go further still to identify issues which fall outside the closely guarded areas in which politicians are trained to operate — areas in which every angle has been covered, every loophole filled, every risk eliminated.

On one memorable day earlier this year, we persuaded the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley — then in her capacity as Minister for the Family — to deal with a number of separate but related stories: a court decision to award custody of a child to a woman living in a lesbian relationship.

Drawing on these concrete cases, I gave Mrs Bottomley the opportunity to offer real insight into what lay behind her family policies. Her replies, shorn of statistics, were heartfelt and impressive. I hope she was as pleased with the outcome as I was.

John Prescott recently took the same chance — agreeing to answer openly questions thrown up by our own research into Labour's membership drive — a subject decidedly not on his advisers' hit-list for the day.

This type of interview requires trust on both sides. It is, by definition, not a hectoring exchange. (I don't like interruptions, either: I believe it's nearly always possible — *pace* Lady Thatcher — to find a pause, however microscopic, into which a question can be inserted.)

Not everyone will play the game. Some politicians, trained to perfection in the art of lip-sealing, manage not to offer anything that might be construed as a fact or a figure, and which might be used in evidence against them later. (Names such as Gordon Brown and David Hunt, the former Tory Cabinet minister, spring to mind.) Perhaps it's a defence mechanism against the sheer numbers of interviews expected of a serious politician each week. Whatever the cause, the result is one of those tetchy exchanges, sometimes descending into inaudible babble.

And as my infuriated listener wondered, "What's the object in that?"

Channelled gaze

John Diamond on the myth of digital television

Diamond: TV is for sharing

In the future, and the near future at that, *Radio Times* will be the size of a telephone directory. Its pages will list the dozens of satellite channels, the scores of local cable channels and the hundreds of digital channels which the heads of every television network insist we must prepare for. There will be sports channels, soap channels, shopping channels.

Hampstead will have its own arts channel, Oxford a science channel, the suburbs channels for cooks, DIY obsessives and film buffs. There will be channels for children and for linguists and for sad men who sit with the curtains closed watching any number of bad porn stations.

And right at the end of the bulky new *Radio Times* will be a couple of pages listing the few tatty offerings — repeats, mainly, and cheap talking-head shows — from the four old channels, plus whatever the too-small, too-late Channel 5 can throw into the pot.

This is how it will be because this is how the industry pundits say it must be. We have the technology and we have the organisation and we have, every survey shows, a population which would rather watch television than do almost anything else.

Some statistics: at the moment, 98 per cent of British households have at least one television set and 83 per cent of households have a video recorder.

For five years and more the companies providing both the satellite-receiving hardware and the television services that are transmitted to that hardware have been advertised as heavily as any consumer product ever has.

High street electronics chainstores have been filling their windows with special offers pitched at those who have missed the special offer sign-up deals. And yet still only a fifth of the population has cable or satellite; more to the point, most of that fifth watch the four terrestrial channels most.

Fair enough: satellite television is still, relatively speaking, in its infancy. But even so, to discuss the penetration of the new systems in terms of the technical ability of the engineers to deliver the programmes and the marketing departments to sell the services is to miss the point.

The point is not one about marketing or engineering but about a shared national culture. Television is not simply a discrete series of half-hourly and hourly events taking place in sitting rooms across the country: our viewing extends beyond the credits at the end of any given programme and into the office, the pub and the school playground. In particular, it extends to the front pages of those tabloids which give to soap-opera stories the same serious attention they give to politicians and royalty.

The press stories and the canteen discussions are part of the programmes we watch. *Monty Python's Flying Circus* wasn't relatively successful just because it was funny, but because the impetus built up by a million students doing silly walks made it part of a common culture — a common culture that includes catch-phrases, soap-opera strands, arguments about why Inspector Morse never gets the woman.

It is a culture that cannot work properly when diluted. The playground cults that are built around *Neighbours* cannot be built around a dozen different soaps running in competition; a score of rival quiz-show catch-phrases cannot enter the public consciousness simultaneously. No tabloid will bother manufacturing a story around a television hero watched by a twentieth or a hundredth part of the public.

We are herd animals: we gather around common points of recognition. It is the reason the thousands of political opinions around the country are distilled into the manifestos of three parties, the reason that bad league teams get better gates than good non-league teams.

I may be wrong. In ten years the audience may be split between hundreds of stations. But my guess is that those television barons preparing to commit billions to digital television should remember that the conversational gambit which starts, "Did you see *X* last night?" usually expects "yes" as an answer.

Alan Mitchell on the race to sell the next generation of computer games

Stuck in the image ghetto

Sony's Playstation won't just be for violent games

THE MAN AT the end of the spoof ads for Sony's new video game Playstation finishes each little diatribe with a grotesque shake of his wrist, like a slapstick comedian's take-off of Hitler. It has nothing to do with anything: its only purpose is to be "a little bit cultish".

Indeed, according to Paul Smith, managing director of the agency Simons Palmer, "sadly, within a few months people will be walking around the country doing it". More to the point, people in bars and school playgrounds will talk about it. And that way, the £20 million advertising budget will, in current marketing-speak, be "leveraged" many times over by word of mouth.

Sony's anti-video game campaigner with a twitch will be on television screens throughout Europe from Friday, just a tiny part of a global race between Sega and Sony to sell the next generation of kit.

Neither will make a penny from the machines they sell, but once it is installed they will be in a position to rake it in through licensing deals and software sales. The British market alone is worth more than £500 million.

Serious money, puerile marketing. Video-game marketers have learnt the snotty-faced adolescent anoraks who dominate this baffling market are lured by relentless "street cred" imagery, silly gimmicks and publicity stunts.

Both sides privately admit they have dug themselves into a marketing hole. In the quest for ever more powerful games they have ended up producing high-tech machines with more computing power than a Pentium chip, yet they are stuck in an image ghetto created for teenage addicts of blood-spattered games such as Mortal Kombat.

"Historically, video games have been targeted very specifically at 14-year-old boys. We have much loftier mass market ambitions for the product," says Philip Harrison, Sony's head of European communications. By Christmas, Sony will have launched a golf game aimed at the anoraks' fathers, and non-violent, non-threatening games aimed at their sisters will soon follow.

Breaking out of the video game's image ghetto is "a challenge for us all", agrees Noel Dardis, Sega's UK marketing director. Sega will reply to Sony in two weeks with a campaign for its Saturn product. A key aim: to win back the young men who bought their first video games five or ten years ago. "We want the video game to be seen as an alternative leisure pursuit you can legitimately talk about in the pub," Mr Dardis says.

2 for 1 cinema

More people are going to the cinema than ever before and *The Times*, in association with United Cinemas International (UCI), is offering you the chance to see some of the best films around such as *Forget Paris* starring Billy Crystal and Debra Winger (above) by taking advantage of our exclusive two for the price of one ticket offer.

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THE TIMES UCI CINEMAS TOKEN 3

Sponsors now market the shows they back

PROGRAMME sponsorship now accounts for about 1 per cent of advertising revenue at ITV and roughly 8 per cent at BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, *Alexandra Frean writes*.

Sponsorship can bring more than just cash to broadcasters, however. Newspaper deals, such as the tie-ins between *Wheel of Fortune* and *Bruce's Price is Right* with *Today* and *The Sun* (numbers two and three in our chart) bring an interactive element to viewing, allowing audiences to participate with what is happening on screen, through games printed in the paper.

Sponsors are increasingly becoming marketeers for the shows they back. Commercial Union, which supports *London's Burning* (top in our chart), promotes the programme at events and exhibitions in which it takes part.

TOP TEN SPONSORED PROGRAMMES

September 11 to 17, 1995

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Sponsor	Genre	Aud (M) All 4+
1	London's Burning	Sun 17	21.05	ITV	LWT	Commercial Union	Drama Series	15.9
2	Wheel Of Fortune	Wed 13	18.50	ITV	Scottish	Today	Game Show	8.2
3	Bruce's Price Is Right	Mon 11	20.00	ITV	Yorkshire/Talbot Fremantle/Mark Goodson	The Sun	Game Show	7.9
4	The European Match	Wed 13	19.22	ITV	Grand Slam Sports/Central/ISN	Ford/Continental	Sport	7.8
5	Film: Shining Through (Premiere)	Mon 11	20.59	ITV	20th Century Fox/Peter V Miller/Sandollar	Diet Coke	Film	7.5
6	Weather*	Sat 16	20.59	ITV	International Weather Productions	PowerGen	News	7.0
7	Raise The Roof	Sat 16	20.15	ITV	Yorkshire Television/Action Time	Express Newspapers	Game Show	6.8
8	Skysaddy*	Sat 16	17.23	ITV	Tower 12/Baywatch Production Co	Wella Shock Waves	Drama Series	4.7
9	Uefa Championship League	Wed 13	22.46	ITV	Grand Slam Sports/Central/ISN	Ford/Continental	Sport	2.0
10	The Chart Show	Sat 16	11.33	ITV	Video Visuals	Twix	Music	1.8

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NEWS

Jury clears O.J. Simpson of murder

■ O.J. Simpson returned a free man to his home in Los Angeles after being cleared of killing his former wife and her friend in a stunning end to a sensational trial that has transfixed America for nearly year.

Millions of television viewers had earlier seen the former football star's face break into a huge triumphant grin as the court clerk read the jury's not-guilty verdicts, reached after less than five hours' deliberation on Monday..... **Pages 1, 2, 3**

Blair's plea for a reborn Britain

■ Tony Blair announced his ambition to take Labour to power for a generation as he appealed to the patriotism of ordinary voters to help him turn Britain into a nation reborn. In a highly-acclaimed speech to the party conference the Labour leader set out his plans to transform the country. **Pages 1, 6, 7**

West trial opens

Rosemary West came face-to-face with the jury who will decide whether she murdered ten young women, among them her own daughter..... **Pages 1, 4**

Mother accused

A woman murdered one of her daughters and severely harmed two others during eight years of abuse which social services and the police failed to prevent, a court was told..... **Page 5**

Pathway clash

A coroner called for separate paths for skaters in parks and speed limits on cyclists after an inquest into the death of a cyclist in Hyde Park..... **Page 5**

Overzealous charities

Competition from the National Lottery was blamed for "overzealous" and misleading advertising by charities that are struggling to attract donations..... **Page 9**

Householders' rights

Senior police officers should use common sense when deciding whether to charge people who use force to defend their homes and families against criminals, Michael Howard said..... **Page 10**

Railway criticised

Managers on the East Coast main railway line have been criticised for imposing a £10 minimum charge for tickets bought by credit card over the telephone..... **Page 10**

Ski development

One of Britain's most colourful entrepreneurs has bought the Cairngorm ski resort of Aviemore for £7.5 million. Desmond Bloom, 49, who was once bodyguard to Screaming Lord Sutch, is planning a multimillion-pound redevelopment..... **Page 11**

Hordern farewell

Friends of Sir Michael Hordern gave him a high tribute at his memorial service: he would rather have been out fishing than hearing what they were saying about him..... **Page 11**

Berlin upheaval

Berlin, five years after unification, is in a state of upheaval. There is the perpetual thud-thud of pneumatic drills. Soon there will be no more fashionable office site than on the former Death Strip..... **Page 12**

Norwegian plea

Norway is seeking an alliance with Britain to stop Brussels taking over the Western European Union..... **Page 12**

Bosnia eyewitness

A former Green Jackets officer was with advancing Bosnian forces when they were routed by a surprise Serb counterattack near the village of Vrh Polje... **Page 13**

Car bomb attack

President Gligorov of Macedonia survived a car bomb attack that killed his driver..... **Page 13**

Villagers reject £500,000 quarry bid

■ Two villages in Somerset have rejected offers of about £250,000 each to withdraw their opposition to a quarry extension that would obliterate an ancient country lane. The villagers are backed by Bath, ten miles to the north, which fears the limestone diggings could reduce the flow and temperature of hot springs that feed the city's Roman baths..... **Page 5**

SEAN DEMESEY

Cherie Blair, Lady Wilson and Pauline Prescott applaud Tony Blair before his speech to the Labour Party conference. **Pages 1, 6, 7**

BUSINESS

Accountancy: Partners in KPMG have voted to turn the firm's audit practice into a limited company in an effort to ring-fence partners from legal action..... **Page 25**

Economy: Mortgage figures provided the first sign that the housing market may be picking up at last..... **Page 25**

Canary Wharf: The 12 banks that own Canary Wharf have recovered 95p in the pound of their debts in a £600 million deal to sell the docklands development to a syndicate that includes Paul Reichmann, its original developer..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 4 to 3524.2. Sterling was unchanged at 85.2 after a fall from $1.5885 to $1.5805 but a rise from DM2.2696 to DM2.2743..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: By her own calculations, Karren Brady is the most hated figure at Birmingham City, a scheming Lady Macbeth and, at times, something of a headmistress..... **Page 46**

Rugby union: Administrators count the cost to their financial resources as the game accepts the mantle of professionalism leading to the next World Cup..... **Page 48**

Rugby league: The flamboyant Western Samoans, in Britain for the Halifax World Cup, get stuck on the M6 and arrive late for the wecolme party..... **Page 42**

Racing: Sheikh Mohammed, who has more thoroughbreds than any other owner in the world, dismissed Henry Cecil as one of his leading trainers..... **Pages 43, 48**

Back in the blackstuff: For his new drama series, television playwright Alan Bleasdale, author of *Boys from the Blackstuff*, has turned his attention to the dysfunctional modern family..... **Page 32**

Funny business: The Veteran comedian Charlie Drake stole the show at the first night of the new Ray Cooney farce, *Funny Money*..... **Page 33**

Top of the world: After selling 55 million albums, Mariah Carey can look back on her 20-plus waitressing jobs with a certain amount of wry amusement..... **Page 34**

A Freudian fairy-tale: David Pountney's classic Freudian interpretation of Dvořák's *Rusalka* has been revived by English National Opera..... **Page 32**

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IN THE TIMES

■ **FILMS**
Geoff Brown sees Sandra Bullock get lost in cyberspace when she surfs *The Net*

■ **BOOKS**
As the Net Book Agreement ends, a 12-page supplement looks at new book bargains

FEATURES

Giles Coren: The problems of interviewing Umberto Eco, one of the cleverest men in the world, whose book *The Island of the Day Before* is just out..... **Page 15**

Going to the dogs: The story of the actress Jill Bennett's will has sent shivers down the spine of lawyers who draw wills up..... **Page 15**

FASHION

Winning winter wardrobe: Iain R. Webb shows British fashion at its best as the contenders get set for our fashion awards..... **Page 14**

MEDIA

Responding to criticism: Nick Clarke explains the objectives of interviews on Radio 4's *The World at One*, which has been aiming at the heart of the news since 1965..... **Page 23**

LETTERS

Our government ought to be outraged enough by the arrival of Middle Eastern terrorism in the land of the free to take some serious steps against its international exporters and supporters
— The Washington Times

Ontario conservatives openly acknowledge the lessons they drew from Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. Let's hope U.S. conservatives notice the political courage of their neighbour to the north *— Wall Street Journal*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Alastair Stewart presents more drivers from hell in *Police, Camera, Action!* (ITV, 8pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss discovers that crime may be all down to the cortex..... **Page 47**

OPINION

O.J. walks

Months of agonised analysis and media introspection will doubtless follow Mr Simpson's acquittal: but all that really matters is that his wife's murderer is still on the loose..... **Page 17**

New Labour pulpit

The British will no longer take moral leadership from the Conservatives. The Tories' only hope must be that the British will take it from no one..... **Page 17**

Alliance française

The vociferous opposition to the French tests is fed by an opposition to nuclear deterrence itself. That is why Britain is right not to criticise France..... **Page 17**

SIMON JENKINS

Always Mr Blair is Lord Cardigan, drilling his troops on his lawn, showing off their magnificent costumes, their horses and their discipline. But we cannot tell how they will ride when they sense fear from the Treasury guns..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair's first words were, appropriately, a tribute to Mary Wilson. His subsequent speech had many echoes of Harold Wilson's "white heat of the technological *revolution" address*..... **Page 7**

GILES WHITTELL

Long before the sudden verdict, given by jurors intoxicated by the prospect of freedom after nine months as *de facto* prisoners, the "trial of the century" had brought shame upon California's legal profession, and on much else in its criminal justice system..... **Page 16**

Lynette Roberts, Welsh poet; **Mollie Harris**, actress and writer; **His Honour Christopher Cunliffe**, a circuit formerly a county court judge, 1966-82..... **Page 19**

Nato's priorities in Eastern Europe; "reform" of degree classification; the Royal Naval College; Hong Kong passports..... **Page 17**

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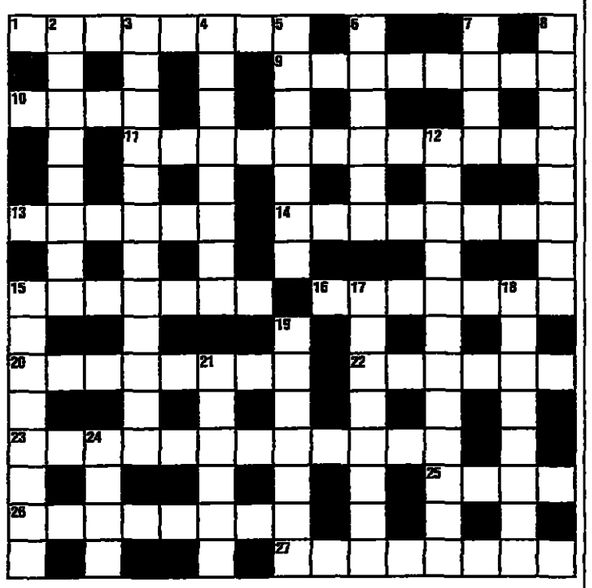

ACROSS

1 You can get bogged down in this pile of paper about meeting (8)
9 More imposing venue for the Masters, by the sound of it (8)
10 Guy in residence (4)
11 Could an estate, short of oil initially, produce full power? (5,3,4)
13 Piece, a musical composition, featuring one note (6)
14 Verbally cancel without delay (5,3)
15 Append finis to a list of omissions (7)
16 Badger has two bases (7)
20 One pet about to become quiet (8)
22 Buffet about to stop (3,3)
23 Get in a mess — I do, in solving mathematical problem (4,8)
25 Ready for a diversion (4)
26 Bears scorn (4-4)
27 A place in the SE we had let out (3,5)

DOWN

2 It's unlucky, being drawn out at random (8)
3 Novel way to interrupt mockery (3,9)
4 I am old, sitting around in thought (8)
5 Oriental is a point behind (7)
6 Horse taken in finished up drink (6)
7 *Some pupils to abandon philos*-ophy school (4)
8 Not just Welsh furlong has to be converted (8)
12 Urge them on to reform the language that comes naturally (6,6)
15 Small creature having to run away, a gazelle, perhaps (8)
17 Expecting some fortification (8)
18 Impart instruction to a pupil, suitable for everyday life... (8)
19 ... enlightenment that may be observed (7)
21 International organisation is close to complete agreement... (6)
24 ... recess brings no agreement (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,976

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey Channel Isles, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Eskmeals, Cumbria, 1.54in; highest sunshine: Tiree Hebrides, 7.7hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** *England and Wales will* be cloudy with outbreaks of rain which will clear quickly from Cornwall and Wales. Scotland and Northern Ireland will both see plenty of showers, as well as some sun, after the rain clears from northwest Scotland. It will be breezy everywhere, with gales in exposed places.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel Isles:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain, clearing to showers during the afternoon. Wind south to southwest, strong to near gale. Feeling cool. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, SW England, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England:** cloudy with rain, clearing to sunny spells and showers during the morning. Wind moderate to fresh, south to southwest. Feeling cool. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** *sunny spells and showers*, some heavy in the northwest. Wind southwest, strong to near gale. Feeling cool. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** cloudy, rain clearing quickly by midday followed by showers, heavy at times in the west. Wind moderate to fresh, south to southwest. Feeling cool. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** rain spreading from the south during the morning, clearing during the afternoon. Wind moderate to fresh southeasterly. Feeling cool. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Shetland:** *cloudy with outbreaks* of light rain, becoming heavier and more persistent. Wind moderate to fresh southeasterly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunshine and showers, rain spreading east on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in		Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in		Max C	F	
Aberdeen	4.6	0.03	17	63	s	London	2.1	0.06	18	64	sh
Anglesey	0.6	0.72	15	59	r	Lowestoft	1.5	-	18	64	c
Aspatria	0.3	0.45	16	59	c	Manchester	1.5	-	17	63	c
Aviamore	2.5	0.34	15	59	s	Margate	1.1	0.04	18	64	r
Belfast	5.9	0.11	18	61	s	Minehead	1.6	0.17	18	64	sh
Birmingham	2.2	0.02	18	64	b	Morecambe	-	0.51	15	59	r
Bognor R	0.4	0.09	17	63	r	Newcastle	0.2	0.09	16	61	r
Bournem'th	3.1	-	19	66	b	Newquay	1.4	0.13	17	63	r
Bristol	1.8	0.02	18	64	b	Norwich	x	-	18	64	b
Buxton	1.4	-	15	59	b	Nottingham	x				
Cardiff	1.2	0.13	17	63	r	Oxford	5.0	-	18	64	b
Cleethorpes	x					Penzance	x	0.07	17	63	sh
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.42	16	61	r	Plymouth	x				
Cromer	4.3	-	18	64	b	Poole	1.5	0.01	19	66	sh
Doncaster	x					Prestatyn	x	0.06	17	63	r
Eastbourne	-	0.19	17	63	r	Ross-o-wye	2.5	0.08	19	66	r
Edinburgh	3.5	0.30	18	64	sh	Ryde	x				
Eskdalemuir	0.2	1.24	14	57	sh	Saltcombe	0.3	0.06	17	63	r
Exmouth	0.5	0.11	17	63	r	Sandown	1.3	0.05	18	64	r
Falmouth	0.8	0.02	17	63	r	Saunsi Snd	1.2	0.07	19	66	c
Fishguard	0.2	0.35	15	59	sh	Scarboro'	x				
Folkestone	0.1	0.04	17	63	r	Shanklin	1.1	0.06	17	63	sh
Glasgow	4.7	0.46	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	3.5	0.02	17	63	b
Guernsey	3.4	0.01	20	68	c	Skegness	1.8	-	18	64	c
Hastings	0.1	0.30	17	63	r	Southend	0.7	0.02	18	64	b
Heysham L	1.5	0.07	16	64	sh	Southport	0.5	0.21	16	61	r
Herne Bay	0.2	0.11	18	64	r	Southsea	2.0	0.01	18	64	sh
Hove	-	0.07	17	63	du	St. Ives	x				
Hunstanton	4.6	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	7.3	0.02	15	59	s
Ilfracombe	x					Swanage	2.7	0.02	18	64	sh
Isle of Man	1.5	0.21	15	59	c	Teignmouth	0.5	0.14	18	64	sh
Jersey	1.2	0.38	19	66	r	Tenby	5.0	0.19	17	63	c
Kinloss	6.0	0.16	17	63	b	Tiree	7.7	0.47	15	59	s
Leeds	2.5	-	19	66	b	Torquay	0.3	0.10	17	63	sh
Lerwick	6.5	0.26	13	55	s	Tynemouth	-	0.02	17	63	c
Leuchars	5.9	0.10	17	63	b	Ventnor	1.5	0.03	17	63	sh
Littlehmptn	0.2	0.53	18	64	r	West-s-mare	x				
Liverpool	0.5	0.06	17	63	r	Weymouth	1.4	-	18	64	r

ABROAD

Ajaccio	24	75	s	Corfu	23	73	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alicante	24	75	s	C'phagn	16	61	f	Majorca	23	73	f
Alex'dria	36	79	c	Dublin	14	57	f	Malaga	28	79	s
Algiers	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Malta	25	77	s
Amst'dm	16	61	c	Faro	21	70	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	24	75	s	Florence	19	66	f	Mexico C	21	70	s
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Bangkok	32	90	s	Geneva	18	64	f	Moscow	9	48	s
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Belfast	14	57	f	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	27	81	s
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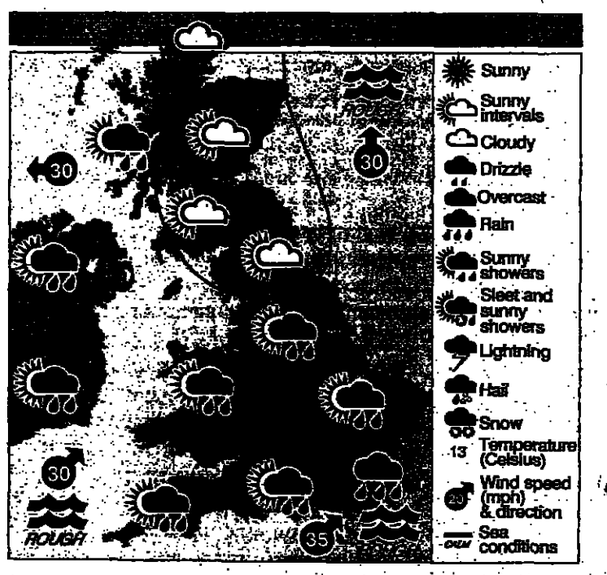

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Avonmouth	2:45	10.35	3:24	11.05	Lowestoft	5:03	2.27	5:12	2.25
Belfast	7:06	3.04	7:29	3.19	Margate	7:47	4.09	8:42	4.31
Cardiff	2:36	9.57	3:21	10.03	Milford Haven	2:10	5.49	2:46	5.82
Devonport	1:30	4.45	1:59	4.77	Newquay	1:01	5.55	1:32	5.80
Dover	7:06	5.73	7:57	5.82	Oban	2:31	2.97	2:51	3.47
Dublin	7:53	3.75	8:05	3.86	Penzance	0:32	4.39	1:06	4.51
Falmouth	0:53	4.21	1:27	4.48	Portland	2:17	1.48	2:53	1.64
Glasgow	8:08	4.11	9:00	4.16	Portsmouth	7:22	4.15	7:50	4.16
Harwich	7:18	3.41	8:10	3.61	Shoreham	7:23	5.15	7:56	5.27
Holyhead	6:37	4.68	6:54	5.05	Southampton	6:51	4.01	7:23	4.03
Hull	1:51	6.21	2:54	6.37	Swansea	1:59	7.76	2:39	8.20
Ilfracombe	1:34	7.56	2:18	8.00	Tees	—	—	0:06	4.56
King's Lynn	1:47	5.53	2:34	5.55	W'ton-on-Nze	7:23	3.64	8:15	3.88

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Sun rises: 7.05 am
Sun sets: 6.33 pm
Moon sets: 2.01 am
Moon rises: 4.28 pm

London 6.33 pm to 7.07 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 7.17 am
Edinburgh 6.42 pm to 7.23 am
Manchester 6.40 pm to 7.17 am
Penzance 6.55 pm to 7.28 am

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KPMG partners embrace plc status to avoid liability

BY JON ASHWORTH

PARTNERS in KPMG have voted overwhelmingly to turn the firm's audit practice into a limited company, in a move that has profound implications for the wider UK accounting profession. KPMG Audit plc will take over the auditing of some 400 listed clients and 300 regulated clients. It's annual turnover will be about £100 million.

The move is designed to ringfence individual partners from the threat of punitive legal action. Partners — who will become known as audit directors — will no longer be personally liable, though the firm as a whole can still be sued.

Colin Sharman, UK senior partner, said the vote was a response to the massive rise in litigation against large accountancy firms. He added: "Firms often pick up the full cost of a company collapse despite being only partially responsible, and when the auditors themselves have been the subject of fraud and deceit. It is clear from the size of some of the largest claims that if one were to succeed, it would wipe out a firm." KPMG Audit will take on only the largest — and hence potentially most dangerous — clients, leaving the auditing of about 1,500 smaller firms to the partnership. Mr Sharman will head a ten-strong board with Gerry Acher, who runs KPMG's audit arm. The company will have about 300 audit directors and will sub-contract staff from the firm as needed.

KPMG will publish full financial results for the firm as a whole. That will provide an intriguing insight into salaries and profitability. Mr Sharman said: "Clients have a right to know the financial position of one of their key suppliers. We have nothing to hide, and we will hide nothing." Results for the year to September 30 will be published in January next year.

The move has the support of several notable audit clients. Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, said: "A public company has the right to know the financial position of its bankers, and I see no reason why this should not be the case for its auditors. Clearly, KPMG's decision to publish its full results will enable clients to evaluate their use of the firm based upon a full disclosure of its financial position." Lord Young of Graffham, head of Cable and Wireless, endorsed the decision.

Mr Sharman said that partial rather than total incorporation was right for KPMG "at this time", but would not rule out wider changes in the future. There are no plans to seek external financing for KPMG Audit, which will have an equity base of £50 million. A stock market flotation is not envisaged. Independent auditors will be appointed in due course.

KPMG's rivals are divided about the merits of incorporation. Competitors, including Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, are assessing the issue, which has tax and legal implications and raises concerns about the impact on the partnership ethos. Some question whether incorporation will work.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3524.2	(+4.0)
Yield	4.0%	
FT-SE A All share	1741.28	(+2.39)
Nikkei	18142.99	(+403.15)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4736.70	(-24.56)*
S&P Composite	580.16	(-1.56)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%*	(5¾%)
Long Bond	105²⁸/₃₂*	(105¹⁰/₃₂)
Yield	6.46%*	(6.47%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6²⁹/₃₂%	(6³¹/₃₂%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	106²³	(106)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5810*	(1.5800)
London:		
$	1.5817	(1.5912)
DM	2.2763	(2.2735)
FFr	7.8510	(7.8490)
SFr	1.8331	(1.8295)
Yen	160.59	(160.27)
£ Index	85.2	(85.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4413*	(1.4285)
FFr	4.9709*	(4.9268)
SFr	1.1605*	(1.1515)
Yen	101.60*	(100.38)
$ Index	93.1	(92.7)

Tokyo close Yen 100.6

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec) $16.00 ($16.00)

GOLD

London close $382.35 ($382.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Canary banks recover debts

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE 12 banks that own Canary Wharf have recovered 95p in the pound of their debts in a £600 million deal to sell the Docklands development to a syndicate that includes Paul Reichmann, its original developer.

The sale values the total bank involvement at close to £800 million, but the European Investment Bank, which is owed £165 million, is staying in and replacing old facilities with new ones that will take the total to about £180 million.

The new owners, American and Middle Eastern investors calling themselves the International Property Corporation (IPC), will attempt to recover the investment with a flotation, probably in London. Other investors include Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi Arabian investor; Larry Tisch, former head of CBS, the TV network; Edward Safra, a New York banker; and Michael Price, a US fund manager.

They are using the promise of future riches to prevent the departure of key directors of Canary Wharf Ltd, the company that has been running the development, such as Sir Peter Levene, chairman and chief executive.

Sir Peter is the company's highest-paid director, receiving £536,316 in the year to October 31. He said last night that the new owners had asked him to stay on, adding: "I have no intention of leaving at the moment." He said the 300 staff and managers employed by Canary Wharf Ltd and its subsidiaries would be retained by the new owners.

The banks will receive 100 per cent repayment of £65 million new debt they took on when they rescued the project. They will receive about 90p in the pound repayment of the old debt on the balance sheet before the collapse.

Last October Canary Wharf said its bank loans totalled £770 million, including old debt of £572 million. But as interest has accrued, that figure has increased. Lloyds Bank led the banking syndicate that took over the Canary Wharf development after it went into administration in 1992. The other leading banks were Barclays, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Chemical Bank, Citibank, Commerzbank, Crédit Lyonnais, Crédit Suisse, the European Investment Bank, HSBC, Merita Bank, National Bank of Canada, and Royal Bank of Canada.

In addition to repaying the banks, the new owners will provide working capital and will meet obligations to pay £300 million towards the cost of extending the London Underground Jubilee Line, which is scheduled to open in March 1998.

There will be no benefit for the former creditors of the development. The 1,100 unsecured creditors received payments totalling £14.7 million, or 15p in the pound. In addition, 130 of them provided warranties for their work for a further 25p in the pound or £7 million.

IPC has 60 days in which to complete its due diligence and the banks hope the sale will be finalised two weeks later and completed before the end of the year.

Sir Peter said there was one million square feet of space to let before the company started to think about restarting building.

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SUSYE GREENWOOD

High expectations: the sale of Canary Wharf should enable the 12 banks to recoup 95p in the pound of their debt

Umbro teams up for float

UMBRO, the sportswear maker that supplies kit for the England football team and several Premiership sides, is to be floated on the stock market (Christine Buckley writes).

The manufacturer is close to tying up a deal with Manchester United that will clinch it a better price. Talks between the two companies are already underway in an effort to smooth the path to flotation.

Martin Edwards, chief executive of the company which owns the Premiership side, said that Manchester would be looking for a deal worth in the region of £25 million.

Flotation of Umbro will be a substantial new issue for the market and will come at a time when football and leisure related companies are winning more investment interest.

Manchester United, which has a huge merchandising interest including replica kits made by Umbro, yesterday announced that pre-tax profits in the year ending July, before transfer fees, had jumped 42 per cent to £16.3 million.

Merchandising, the subject of consumer controversy over young supporters being enticed by the wide array of replica kits available, alone climbed £9.25 million to £23.5 million. The total dividend is 4.5p (4.2p), with a final 3.1p.

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Expanding

BA is looking to increase its presence in America after two leading airlines, United and American, expressed an interest in acquiring USAir, in which BA has a 25 per cent stake. BA shares rose 20p to 472p on the news.
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Shrinking

Brick workers are to be laid off and production scaled down as Ibstock, Britain's second-largest brickmaker after Hanson, contends with a slump in demand after it bought Tarmac's clay brick and paving stone business.
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Texans raise bid in battle for Norweb

BY ERIC REGULY

A FULL-SCALE takeover war for Norweb broke out yesterday when the two Texas companies that launched a white knight bid for the electricity company last week, only to see it trumped by North West Water, came back with a stronger offer.

Texas Energy Partners, comprising Houston Industries Inc and Central & South West Corp, raised its bid from £10.50 to £10.85 a share, made up of 885p in cash and a special dividend of 200p. The 3.3 per cent increase values Norweb at £1.74 billion.

North West's last offer was 1,075p, comprised of 975p in cash and a 100p special dividend. Its shares and cash alternative, based on North West's closing price of 590p, is valued at £11.05. North West said that it "will make an appropriate response in due course", although a spokesman described the Texan bid "as a very weak response". Norweb, evidently expecting higher bids to come, said it would not recommend either bid.

Analysts expect North West to return with an improved bid because the Texans' new offer is not high enough to be a knock-out blow. A new bid, if launched, will probably come next week.

Tom Shockley, co-chairman of Texas Energy Partners and executive vice-president of Central & South West, said "it certainly wouldn't surprise us" if North West returned with a counter bid. He said Norweb remains the Texans' only target, but there is speculation that it is lining up other targets in case Norweb goes to North West.

Five regional electricity companies — East Midlands, London Electricity, Yorkshire, Seeboard and Swalec — have yet to receive bids. East Midlands, whose shares rose 16p to 876p, is thought to be courting an offer. Shares of London Electricity, which rose 55p to 920p on Monday, fell 23p yesterday in the absence of a bid.

Manweb, meanwhile, continued its effort to convince institutional shareholders to reject ScottishPower's £1.1 billion bid, worth 990p a share. ScottishPower said it bought more Manweb shares yesterday, and now holds 21.3 per cent of the company, excluding the bid's 6 per cent acceptances.

National Power, which on Monday announced a £2.8 billion agreed bid for Southern Electricity, said it now owns 3.8 per cent of Southern's shares.

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Big Blue plum for Compass

THE world's largest business and industry foodservice account was yesterday won by Compass Group after IBM awarded it a national contract to provide food and vending services in the US (Christine Buckley writes).

More than 100,000 employees at 29 sites will be catered for by Compass, the UK-based company, which is the world's largest food-service provider.

The contract, for five years, will generate more than $250 million in revenue. A management team dedicated to the IBM contract, which has yet to be formally signed, is to be installed in the US. Mike Bailey, president of Compass's US subsidiary, said: "Our reputation as a global food-service company played a major role in securing this account."

The two companies have wide experience of working together, with joint contracts in 10 other countries, including IBM sites in the UK.

Housing market shows faint signs of life

Mortgage figures jump sharply

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MORTGAGE figures yesterday provided the first sign that the housing market may be picking up at last.

There was a sharp jump in new mortgage commitments in August to the highest level since December. Commitments have proved to be a reliable indicator of housing market activity and prices and, unless August's leap in commitments turns out to be a temporary blip, the latest figures presage rising house prices by the end of this year.

The number of new commitments leapt to 79,000 from 71,000 in July, reversing a downward trend that has been in place for months. Ian Shepherdson, UK economist with HSBC Markets, said that this was potentially the most significant piece of economic data for some time. He put the improvement down to the realisation during August that interest rates were not going to rise for the foreseeable future.

He noted that August's much healthier figures came before September's interest rate cuts by leading banks and building societies, which may help to bolster demand for mortgages into September.

It is, however, still premature to call an end to the housing market's woes. August's improvement came from a low level. Commitments were still down 2 per cent on the level seen in August last year.

However, a sense that potential housebuyers may be bec ing more confident appeared to be b ased up by other figures showing that l — as opposed to approved — mor October ending rose 0.3 per cent in Augu igger increase than in July. T ing secured on dwellings rose by on, up sharply from £911 millior

At the same time, consum £535 million — the smallest months.

Separate figures publish Central Statistical Office showed that Britain's trade the rest of the world wide billion in July from £868 mi Exports rose 0.5 per cent imports increased 2 per cen

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500 jobs to be created at Rosyth

Lexmark International, of Kentucky, is to create 500 full-time jobs at a £26 million plant on former Ministry of Defence land at Rosyth, Fife.

The plant will assemble colour and monochrome cartridges for the company's ink-jet printers. The project was secured against competition from other European locations.

Loans lift

Intermediate Capital Group, the mezzanine finance provider, forwarded total loans of £47 million (£36 million) to nine companies in the six months to July 31. Pre-tax profit was £10.5 million (£9.7 million pro forma) and earnings 14.9p (13.8p). Interim dividend is 4.3p (3.75p), due October 17.

Brewer joins

Shepherd Neame, the brewer, is to join the new Ofex share market. The company reported pre-tax profits up to £5.5 million (£5.1 million) and earnings of 62.9p (60.2p). The interim is 20.5p (19p).

Fashion slip

QS Holdings, the discount fashion retailer, had a pre-tax loss of £743,000 in the half-year to July 28 (£2.11 million profit). Losses were 1.26p a share (3.43p earnings). The interim is held at 1.56p. The shares fell 9p to 78p.

Oil switch

Enterprise Oil has lost its second senior executive to Hardy Oil & Gas. John van der Welle, group treasurer, will be Hardy's finance director.

Exco buy

EXCO, the money broker, is buying the German money and fixed-income securities broking division of Trio Holdings, German Group, for £5.8 million.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Geoffrey Halstead, left, managing director of James Halstead, and Stephen Knight, finance director. The floor coverings company reported year-end pre-tax profits increased 4.3 per cent to £10.32 million

BA on standby as hopes grow for USAir takeover

By Marianne Curphey and Richard Thomson

BRITISH AIRWAYS is looking to increase its presence in the US after two leading carriers, United and American, expressed an interest in acquiring USAir, in which BA has a 25 per cent stake.

BA has been attempting to increase its options for code-sharing within the US and may decide to hold on to its stake in USAir in the hope of forming a partnership with USAir's new owner. Alternatively, it could sell its shares and forge a new deal with one of the American carriers. Yesterday's announcement sent BA shares up 20p to 472p.

USAir said that the discussions were still at a preliminary stage and could give no indication of whether it would continue to operate as an independent entity.

A takeover of USAir by either United or American would create the largest air carrier group in the US and the most powerful internationally.

The stock market regarded a bid for USAir as a potentially profitable way for BA to extricate itself from the unprofitable investment it bought two years ago. USAir has lost $3 billion over the last five years, forcing BA to write down its $400m holding by about half last May.

USAir could fetch about $7 billion from a merger. BA, meanwhile, said the talks had been undertaken with its knowledge and that they could include the acquisition of USAir by one or other of the two airlines.

It said in a statement: "We have frequently predicted further consolidation of the US airline indsutry. The US is an essential part of our global strategy and this development could provide an opportunity to develop that strategy further."

The initial approach to USAir was believed to have come from Gerald Greenwald, the new chairman of United Airlines. United, however, is owned by its employees, which might make negotiations unwieldly.

United confirmed it was evaluating USAir's business, but said it would take several weeks. AMR, which owns American, declined to comment.

Extreme rivalry between United and American would ensure any successful bidder would be made to pay a full price for USAir.

BA has said the operational benefits of its alliance with USAir, such as linking route networks, has been generating some £70 million a year in extra operating profits.

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BT sets out accounts for Oftel

By Eric Reguly

BT published its first set of segregated accounts yesterday in an effort to prove it is charging fair prices to rival operators to complete calls on its network.

Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, did not immediately dispute the figures but said the accounts still lacked sufficient detail. "We're naturally disappointed," an Oftel accountant said.

It has asked BT to provide a better breakdown on its so-called interconnection charges and also wants the statements independently audited. The accounts were delivered unaudited because BT, which had never gone through such an exercise before, was pressed for time.

Oftel asked for segregated accounts to find out whether BT was unfairly cross-subsidising its businesses and to determine what competitors such as Mercury should pay BT in the year 1996/97.

Oftel said it expects the charges to decline next year. Mercury had no comment.

BT calculated that it cost £4.84 billion in the last financial year to operate its domestic telecoms network — £3.95 billion plus the 15 per cent return on capital mandated by Oftel. BT also said it lost £400 million providing access to its residential customers. Contributions from competitors — access deficit charges — subsidise that loss.

Alliance Resources sues former chief

By Martin Barrow

ALLIANCE RESOURCES, the oil exploration company, has launched a High Court action against its former chief executive John O'Brien, claiming damages for fraudulent misrepresentation, fraud, deceit and breach of his service contract.

The action also seeks reimbursement of all sums taken in breach of duty or trust, together with interest and costs. Last month the company obtained an injunction freezing Mr O'Brien's assets.

The Serious Fraud Office is conducting its own investigation into alleged irregularities concerning Mr O'Brien's activities at Alliance.

The company claimed yesterday that Mr O'Brien had "concealed and misrepresented" the true status of a well in the Valentine field, south of New Orleans, described a year ago as "a significant gas discovery". The company said the well was never capable of producing commercially.

Alliance also alleges Mr O'Brien forged a letter purporting to grant an extension from the lessor of undeveloped acreage in the same field after the company failed to abide by a commitment to drill one well every 110 days. Mr O'Brien allegedly concealed a notice of forfeiture issued in March but not discovered by other directors until August.

Belling 'duped for £3.5m in loan fraud'

By Robert Miller

BELLING, the company famed among generations of students for its Baby Belling cooker, was duped into handing over a £3.5 million fee from the firm's pension fund to a "trusted" solicitor in return for a £50 million loan, Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court heard yesterday.

The cash-strapped company never saw the money and went into receivership a year later, in 1992. The fee should have been kept in a separate client account by Charles Dyson, 52, a solicitor, John Goldring QC, for the Serious Fraud Office, said. He added that the Belling fee was sent abroad and was part of an international £12 million advanced-fee fraud. This involved offering a large loan in return for advance payments of one-year's interest.

Mr Deacon and co-defendant James Fuller, 56, have denied 11 charges of deception, conspiracy to defraud and theft between June 1990 and July 1992.

Mr Goldring said the defendants were "accomplished liars" who used bogus letters from the then US President, George Bush, and others. The case continues.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ICS mis-selling move

THE Investors Compensation Scheme resumed its high court battle with Cheltenham & Gloucester over payments to elderly investors mis-sold home income plans. The scheme told Mr Justice Evans-Lombe it had asked 270 investors to "assign" their rights to ICS so it could pursue other parties to recoup compensation payments. In C&G's case this was for £6 million-worth of payments to investors who took out plans through Aylesbury Associates. C&G provided the mortgage funding but denies it was responsible for selling the plans.

Leyland plants reunited

THREE plants previously owned by British Leyland are to be reunited under a single management. Albion Automotive, the truck parts maker rescued from the collapsed Leyland DAF business, and which has plants in Glasgow and Lancashire, is to buy Farrington Components, once part of Leyland Bus, at Leyland, Lancashire, from Volvo. The deal will bring total employment within the Albion group to 1,160 and take annual sales to around £70 million. New contracts from Volvo will allow Albion to widen its product range.

Bloomsbury slides

BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, the book publisher, blamed a reported pre-tax loss of £391,000 for the six months to June 30 (£748,000 loss) on "seasonality" in the business. Nigel Newton, chairman, said despite tough trading conditions in the UK the gross profit margin was increased by 7.8 per cent to 41 per cent, and there were five bestsellers during the period, including Joanna Trollope's The Best of Friends. Turnover was £3.08 million (£3.13 million) and the loss per share was 4.55p (6.02p loss). The interim dividend is 0.68p (net) per share.

Silentnight setback

SILENTNIGHT HOLDINGS, the UK's largest manufacturer of beds, suffered a downturn in pre-tax profits to £3.7 million from £4.1 million in the six months to July 29 and warned investors that no improvement in consumer demand had emerged. The company, which also makes cabinet furniture, is maintaining the interim dividend at 2.75p a share after a decline in earnings to 5.22p from 5.84p. Bill Simpson, chief executive, said the disappointing result was influenced by increases in raw material costs. The shares fell 9p to 193p.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	16.89	15.49
Belgium Fr	49.98	45.38
Canada $	2.233	2.073
Cyprus Cypt	0.756	0.701
Denmark Kr	9.42	8.62
Finland Mkk	7.36	6.73
France Fr	8.24	7.59
Germany Dm	2.43	2.22
Greece Dr	385.00	360.00
Hong Kong $	12.02	11.02
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1777	4.5277
Italy Lire	2665.00	2510.00
Japan Yen	173.50	157.50
Malta	0.601	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.696	2.468
New Zealand $	2.56	2.34
Norway Kr	10.57	9.77
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	nat.	5.53
Spain Pta	202.50	182.50
Sweden Kr	11.73	10.83
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.78
Turkey Lira	refer	73996.0
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☐ Reichmann's limited role in rescue ☐ Bid deadline nears for RPR ☐ Accountants play safe

A Canary sang in Cabot Square

☐ IF Paul Reichmann's financial collapse in 1992 only confirmed the old adage that pioneers are people with arrows in their backs, then he has made a remarkable recovery from his wounds. Most such failed entrepreneurs have to watch bitterly from the sidelines as their creations are steered to financial success by others; Mr Reichmann has emerged at the head of the rescue team.

That said, his as yet undisclosed involvement in the International Property Consortium is slight, backed by an equity stake of less than 5 per cent. The disintegration of Olympia & York, and the resulting foundering of the family fortunes, mean the Reichmanns no longer dine at the same table as the likes of Larry Tisch and Prince al-Waleed bin Talal.

The party line is that the involvement of Reichmann, the architect of Reichmann's Folly and intimately acquainted with every brick, tile and shingle, is crucial to the success of the rescue. Alas for romantics, not so. Reichmann initially approached the prince in the summer of 1994 suggesting a joint bid and was rebuffed. A year later the two were talking again. Reichmann was teamed up with old pals Tisch and Michael Price and all they needed was a supply of serious finance.

A Saudi prince is not born without means, but the prince's investment in Citibank in the early years of this decade provided him with a windfall that outstripped his early wealth. He has since gone on to rescue Euro Disneyland and see his investment in yet another putative white elephant virtually double, while he had the good sense to turn down Eurotunnel.

The prince is a man who has not yet put a foot wrong. His day-to-day involvement at Canary Wharf is likely to be as great as at Citibank and Euro Disneyland, i.e. nil. The likes of Tisch, Price and the New York moneyman Edward Safra will be in the driving seat, with Sir Peter Levene as their London lieutenant if they will have him and terms can be agreed.

The banks have fully justified their collective decision to keep their nerve and reject some of the cheeky offers being made a couple of years back. Even the keeness of some of the British contingent today to hang on in there and wait for full restitution looks understandable, given the project's prospects a few years down the line. The rescuers may have pledged to pay for some of the cost of extending the Jubilee Line out to Docklands, but that cost will repay itself in spades. The tube extension is the key to the development's future, linking the south London termini of Waterloo and London Bridge to Canary Wharf and making the area accessible to a huge swathe of commuters in the south — and so to their employers.

Add this to a couple more years of recovery in the London office market, and it is clear that it will no longer be a Folly. But it will no longer be Paul Reichmann's, either.

Sweetening the pill at Fisons

☐ IF AND when Rhône-Poulenc Rorer decides to up its offer for Fisons and clinch the deal, then the company's long-suffering shareholders should offer a toast of thanks to Stuart Wallis, the chief executive. His defence has been a classic case of winning the game on a handful of deuces.

Every 10p a share from RPR

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would put an extra £70 million into the pockets of those shareholders, without much solid justification for the rise from Fisons' defence strategy. The company's woes, which predate the 1992 departure of its main architect, John Kerridge, were well on the way to being corrected by Mr Wallis, but there has been little in that strategy to suggest Fisons has a glittering future on its own. He has boosted profits by cutting research and development costs, the ultimate short-term fix for a pharmaceuticals company, while pinning his hopes on joint ventures that will take years to pull in the earnings.

Two thirds of the laboratory supplies business has been sold, but the scientific instruments disposal has hit a predictable delay. While Fisons has been talking to possible white knights, none has yet emerged. Any serious rival bidder would in any case wait for the best shot from RPR.

The latter, 68 per cent owned by the French Rhône-Poulenc, has until Friday to make up its mind, so a raised bid would have to come today or tomorrow. French businesses have a rotten record on contested takeover bids in Britain, although they are rather better at acquisition by stealth. Indications from the RPR camp are that the French, with board seats but no overall control, and the American management are split on what to do next, with the Americans in favour of a knock-out blow.

Fisons' institutional shareholders, 20 of whom hold 70 per cent of the company, would at one stage probably have taken the 240p cash already on offer, however grudgingly, given the toppy state of the stock market. But they have by now been well primed for an increase. A price of 260p would leave the matter in the balance. Too much more, and the limited acceptances so far would turn into an embarrassing stampede.

KPMG's limited liability

☐ VAST professional firms such as KPMG, which has about 600 partners, have for years been run much more like a conventional hierarchical company than the theoretical partnership of equals. The benefits of partnership are now largely tax-related rather than operational.

In audit and due diligence work, however, the lack of limited liability profection has become too much of a threat to some junior partners. They could be wiped out — or so their building societies might fear — by Anglo-Saxon big ticket lawsuits. In event of loss, these are aimed at deep-pocket accountants, rather than the prime corporate culprits, to take advantage of the strange legal principle of joint and several liability.

Accountants have gradually realised that no government is likely to make the parliamentary effort to give legal relief to a profession that does not naturally attract public compassion. So KPMG has done its own thing, using a facility already granted to help firms expand more easily in a dynamic modern way. In the four fifths of the business still relatively immune from the terror of the lawsuit, KPMG will stick with the undynamic old tax benefits of partnership.

Others will doubtless follow suit, starting a debate on whether a capital of £50 million is really enough. Public accountability will also be improved when big accountants start publishing their own accounts, a step that they, like other private businesses exposing themself to hostile sunlight, will almost certainly live to regret.

Soft landings

☐ BAT is amassing an increasingly rum selection of non-executives. Lord Cairns, out of the *débris* of the House of Warburg, was named chairman-designate in the summer. Now arriving are Rosalind Gilmore, decidedly downwardly mobile after quitting the regulatory overhaul of Lloyd's, and Rupert Pennant-Rea, in only his second City job since being forced out of the Bank of England.

Slump forces Ibstock to make lay-offs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRICK workers are to be laid off and production scaled down at Ibstock. The UK's second-largest brickmaker, after Hanson, faces a slump in demand after it bought Tarmac's clay brick and paving stone business.

The lay-offs are scheduled to begin at Christmas and could last for a month at some, or all, of Ibstock's 22 sites. Ian Maclellan, managing director, would not rule out permanent job losses, but said he hoped the round of lay-offs would be temporary. He said he hoped full production would resume some time in January or February.

The move has been triggered by a slump in second-half demand with like-for-like volume deliveries down 10 to 15 per cent over the three months since the end of June. The decline began in May when like-for-like sales retreated 7 per cent, Mr Maclellan said.

The company blamed the weak state of the housing market, although it saw some cause for optimism in the steady demand in the US.

Some of the lay-offs will also be necessitated by cost-cutting operations in the merging of Ibstock's production with the Tarmac plants, which have so far led to 40 lost jobs. The company has said it hopes to achieve overhead savings of £2.6 million after the £70 million purchase of the Tarmac operation, which has taken its share of the UK brick business to 20 per cent.

The lay-offs were revealed after Ibstock announced a threefold increase in interim pre-tax profits after new techniques and the fruits of capital investment began to feed through. Profits for the six months to June 30 jumped from £4.4 million to £14 million. The Tarmac division, purchased at the beginning of June, has yet to contribute to the figures.

Ibstock, which runs a large pulp operation, also saw the operating profits of forest products increase fourfold to £6.14 million on sales up 59 per cent. No progress has been made on the sale of its 56 per cent stake in Caima, the pulp manufacturer. The interim, payable December 1, was raised 50 per cent to 0.75p.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Alarm bells for C&W as break-up talk grows

Profits rise for Ibstock managing director Ian Maclellan

TALK of a possible break-up bid for Cable and Wireless, the Mercury telephone operator, continues to do the rounds in the Square Mile.

Word is this time that Craig McCaw, the man who founded McCaw Telecom, now part of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), wants to establish himself in the British mobile phone market. A report in a specialist publication claims he has already taken a close look at C&W and might consider linking up with BT to bid.

C&W's mobile phone operations would prove a stumbling block to any move by BT, unless it could line up a buyer beforehand. AT&T might just fit the bill. **Cable and Wireless** shares eased 2p to 420p and BT was 1½p easier at 395p.

The rest of the equity market managed to hold its head above water, but only just. An early rise of 11.4 points was more than halved by an opening fall of almost 30 points in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index managed to cling on in thin trading, ending with a rise of 4.0 points at 3,524.2. A total of 693 million shares were traded.

Once again the utilities took up a lot of investor attention. **Norweb** firmed 5p to £10.87 as the US consortium Houston Industries, which includes Houston Industries and CSW International, topped the recently improved offer from North West Water.

The new terms value Norweb at £10.85, just 10p more than that tabled by North West Water. Norweb will not agree to either bid. **Manweb** was steady at 992p with **Scottish Power**, down 3p at 348p, claiming 21.3 per cent of the shares.

ICI rose 12p to 820p following a recommendation by UBS, the broker. **BOC** also jumped 19p to 819p, helped by a recommendation from Smith New Court, the broker.

BSkyB stood out among the top 100 companies, breaching the £4 level with a rise of 10p to 406p as more than 10 million shares changed hands. It has enjoyed unrivalled institutional support since becoming a constituent of the top 100 and, according to a number of brokers, may still have some way to run.

Only last month Granada sold its 10 per cent stake in BSkyB at 350p a share. The company is enjoying the benefit of increased revenue in both advertising and new subscribers and should enjoy a further boost from imminent new subscription charges.

Meanwhile, Granada has scotched recent rumours that Gerry Robinson, chief executive, is about to step down in order to take-up a board appointment with Grand Metropolitan. He is to take over as chairman of Granada from Alex Bernstein when he retires in March, next year. Charles Allen, head of Granada's television operation, takes over as chief executive. **Granada** responded with a rise of 7p to 647p.

British Airways climbed 20p to 472p on the news that USAir, its troubled associate, was in talks with United and American, the US airlines. BA has a 25 per cent stake in USAir, which was written down on the books by 50 per cent earlier this year.

Brokers reckon that BA will benefit from any link up between USAir and United and American, giving it the opportunity to increase its penetration of the fiercely competitive American domestic airline market.

News of further restructuring at its Harcros division saw **Harrisons & Crosfield** touch 145p before settling 1p cheaper at 152p. The expense of reducing costs and eliminating loss-making branches is expected to result in one-off charges of £3.5 million. This is in addition to charges of £1.5 million already announced.

Ibstock, the brickmaker, firmed 1p to 72p as pre-tax profits in the first six months surged from £4.3 million to £14.5 million.

Manchester United may be struggling to find last year's form, but it is streets ahead of the opposition when it comes to the balance-sheet.

Pre-tax profits last year soared from £11.45 million to £16.25 million. This was before taking into account profits of £4 million from the transfers of the likes of Paul Ince and compared with a loss of £700,000 the previous year. Profit-taking left the shares 7p lower at 204p.

Euromoney, the specialist publisher and conference organiser, was the days' biggest casualty, tumbling 312p to £10.85 after issuing a profits warning. The group has forecast that profits are set to tumble by £6 million from last year's £24 million. The warning also left **Daily Mail Trust** 19p lower at £12.65 and the 'A' shares 37½p at £10.68. The Daily Mail owns 70 per cent of Euromoney.

Shares of **Bullers**, the troubled giftware group, were suspended at 1¼p at the company's request pending clarification of its financial position.

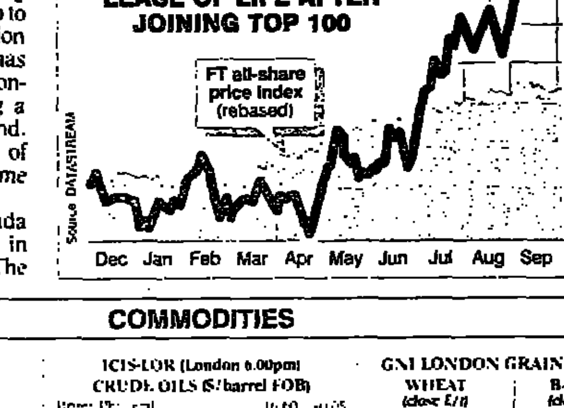
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Prices were marked lower in early trading reflecting the absence of the German bond market, which was closed for Unity Day. An absence of buyers enabled prices to claw back some of the earlier losses. Those were eventually wiped out with the help of a firmer US bond market and some depressed chain store sales. Brokers reported a switching out of mediums and into the shorter and longer end of the markets, which are unlikely to be hindered by gilt auctions during the next few months.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt finished £⁵/₃₂ better at £106⁵/₃₂ in thin trading which saw just 46,000 contracts traded.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rose £⁷/₃₂ to £97¹³/₁₆, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished £³/₃₂ better at £102⁵/₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street fell further in morning trading, under continued pressure from growing fears that third quarter earnings may not meet expectations. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 24.56 points at 4,736.70.

Winterflood Securities, the broker, was a big buyer of Aromascan as the shares rose 4p to a new high of 97p. It comes after news of a large contract with Kirin, the Japanese brewer, worth almost £4 million over the next three years. Peel Hunt, the broker, is now taking the group on a tour of institutions.



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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4736.70 (-24.56)
S&P Composite	580.16 (-1.56)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18142.99 (+403.15)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9805.46 (+80.48)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	462.90 (-1.32)
Sydney:	
AO	2132.0 (-5.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	Closed
Singapore:	
Straits	2110.40 (-9.79)
Brussels:	
General	7901.00 (+19.98)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1800.70 (+19.99)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	696.60 (+0.60)
London:	
FT 30	2613.7 (-6.2)
FT 100	3524.2 (-4.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3968.6 (+9.7)
FT-SE-A 350	1761.5 (+2.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1421.48 (-1.57)
FT A All-Share	1741.28 (+2.39)
FT Non Financials	1963.73 (+2.97)
FT Fixed Interest	111.51 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs	93.25 (same)
Bargains	29775
SEAQ Volume	711.1m
USM (Datastrm)	178.25 (+0.74)
US$	1.5805 (-0.0080)
German Mark	2.2743 (+0.0047)
Exchange Index	85.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2112
£:SDR	1.0577
RPI	149.9 Aug (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.5 Aug (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	67	...
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
Hay & Robertson	40	...
Inner Workings	73	...
Mayflower (65)	88	+1
Media Business	3¼	...
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	103	+2
Omnicare	88	+2
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	102	...
Prest Nth End (400)	400	...
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Br Airways	472p (+20p)
Compass Gp	441p (+17p)
GEC	329p (+12p)
Renishaw	433p (+13p)
Kwik Save	690p (+17p)
BOC	819p (+19p)
JD Wetherspoon	629p (+11p)
MAM	916p (+16p)
FALLS:	
QS Hldgs	77p (-10p)
Brit Biotech	853p (-55p)
Arthur Wood	195p (-10p)
Lookers	160p (-8p)
Silentnight	193p (-9p)
Man Utd	204p (-7p)
Boxmore Intl	367p (-10p)

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Sell, sell, sell

NORWEB shareholders stood in the aisles of the auction room yesterday rubbing their hands like prodigal children selling off the family estate. In this case, however, one finds it hard to blame them as they watch wealthy Texans and indigenous would-be tycoons frantically waving bids at the auctioneer. Not far away, in Merseyside, another group of shareholders must make their decision on Friday. Should they stick with ManWeb or take ScottishPower's offer?

Not long ago, Tempus advised ManWeb investors to sell at the market price, then £10.10. Today, after the disappearance of the ghostly white knight, shareholders would have to settle for a market price of 992p — still a goodly premium to ManWeb's own offer of a grossed-up cash package of 605p plus a rump share, which will pay a dividend of 29.8p. The market currently values Northern's rump share on a yield of 11.5 per cent; on such a yield, ManWeb's new share would be worth 324p, giving the asset-stripped ManWeb a total value to its investors of 929p, against ScottishPower's cash offer of 990p.

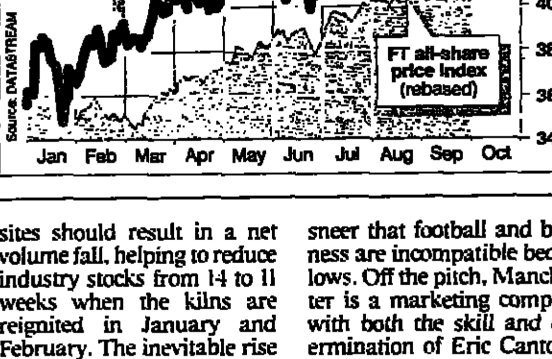
The bigger question is whether investors should instead take the ScottishPower share offer, worth just over £10 yesterday. Sensible investors, counselled by a mixture of fear and greed, will take a cue from the prodigal children and pocket the cash. The outlook for dividends in the electricity sector is not good: Labour is threatening windfall taxes; more important is the threat of more aggressive regulation, leaving a prospect of average dividend growth. With cash in hand, investors can bet on the next Rec bid or seek better yields in other sectors.

British Airways

IT WOULD not be unreasonable to assume that BA, with seats in the USAir boardroom, is the driving force behind recent discussions between the ailing airline and United and American. BA has had an unpleasant ride with USAir: having invested $400 million in preference shares in return for a code-sharing agreement. BA was forced to write off half of its stake. The US carrier's return to profitability has been slowed by disputes with its unions over wage reductions.

Still, BA claims to have made a success of its USAir link. In spite of being lumbered with one of the weaker US carriers, BA has a chance to cement a relationship with a market leader. The code-sharing agreement with USAir is worth about $100 million a year for BA, a prize that could be much greater were the partner to be transformed into United or American, both of which generate at least twice the revenues of USAir.

A takeover would not only restore the value of BA's shares at a stroke but offer the airline a profit: BA has options worth a further $450 million in USAir. Of greater longer-term importance is the chance for BA to capture more high-yield US passengers to European and Middle Eastern destinations. Securing a deal with a major US airline when airline capacity is trailing the growth in traffic would be a coup for BA and the shares do not reflect the prospects.



Ibstock

SIGHS of relief could be heard from brick manufacturers yesterday as Ibstock fell into line with Hanson and Redland, announcing a partial shutdown of production this winter. Ibstock leapt into the No.2 position in bricks after its acquisition in June of Tarmac's operations, boosting output from 440 million bricks to just over 700 million. The £70 million deal raised Ibstock's share of the market while brick prices were on the mend, but the shakeout in housebuilding threatens to spoil a long-awaited improvement in margins: Ibstock's operating return on British bricks rose from 11 per cent to 15 per cent in the first half of the year.

However, volumes fell by as much as 15 per cent in September and the industry has been on tenterhooks waiting to see whether Ibstock would increase capacity. Instead, winter shutdowns on half of Ibstock's sites should result in a net volume fall, helping to reduce industry stocks from 14 to 11 weeks when the kilns are reignited in January and February. The inevitable rise in unit costs will hit margins by some 2-3 per cent but, having seen prices disappear in the last slump, Ibstock has chosen to endure a temporary loss of margin rather than see profits vanish.

Man United

LAST night's return match with York City carried with it about £2 million in potential cup revenues. However, any loss should not worry unduly the Manchester United financial machine.

The premiership side has £12 million to invest in new players and will soon boast a refurbished stadium with a capacity more than a fifth larger than any other. Having boosted profits before transfers by 42 per cent, Manchester United provides food for thought to those who sneer that football and business are incompatible bedfellows. Off the pitch, Manchester is a marketing company with both the skill and determination of Eric Cantona, putting the club's name on anything that could be turned into a fast moving consumer item.

Merchandising accounts for about 40 per cent of Manchester United's turnover, with the sale of replica kits, the Manchester United magazine and a myriad of other memorabilia marketed to supporters which, according to independent research, top two million.

Even United's strip may soon reach market saturation and, the club is now focusing on maximising margins. Pumping up returns here will mirror the serious cranking of revenue at the Old Trafford turnstiles where prices rose 13 per cent last year and are set to rise by a similar amount this year.

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COMMODITIES

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COCOA: Dec 992-991; Mar 1014-1012; [illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($): Nov 2345-2340; Jan 2119-2100; Jul 2242-2240; Sep 2093-2070; Mar 2195-2190; Nov 2050-2050; May 2145-2140; Volume [illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB): [illegible]

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
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ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB): Brent Physical 16.60; Brent 15 day (Nov) 16.20; Brent 15 day (Dec) [illegible]; W Texas Intermediate (Nov) 17.65; W Texas Intermediate (Dec) 17.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery): Premium Gas 15; [illegible]

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL: Oct 149.00-49.25; Nov 150.00-50.25; Dec 151.50-50.75; Jan 150.25-50.50; Feb 150.00-50.25

BRENT (6.00pm): [illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	115.00	Nov	107.70
Jan	117.40	Jan	110.90
Mar	119.40	Mar	112.50
May	121.40	May	115.40
Jul	122.90	Sep	103.50
Volume: 370		Volume: 98	

POTATO (£/t): Apr 265.0 / 270.5; Mar unq 320.0; Jun 360.5; Volume: 71

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg): Nov 95.75-96.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt): [illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff: Copper Gde A ($/tonne) Cash 2955.0-2956.0, 3mth 2964.5-2965.0, Vol 122425; [illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3545.0	3559.0	3541.0	3545.0	7133
Previous open interest: 64953	Mar 96				3579.0	0
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3995.0	0
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.44	93.47	93.42	93.47	9551
Previous open interest: 342564	Mar 96	93.50	93.57	93.48	93.56	9540
	Jun 96	93.45	93.54	93.43	93.53	11551
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.21	0
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96				94.23	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.04	96.04	96.02	96.03	6557
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96	96.06	96.10	96.06	96.09	6178
Long Gilt	Dec 95	105-24	106-09	105-14	106-05	46328
Previous open interest: 96600	Mar 96	105-09	105-09	105-09	105-22	12
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.98	122.05	121.80	121.92	3058
	Mar 96	120.93	120.93	120.81	120.77	85
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.51	95.71	95.23	95.59	75899
Previous open interest: 195570	Mar 96	94.90	94.90	94.78	95.02	159
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.37	94.39	94.34	94.38	580
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96	94.43	94.45	94.43	94.49	379
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.60	97.64	97.50	97.64	1390
Previous open interest: 45169	Mar 96	97.62	97.67	97.62	97.67	774
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	101.10	101.97	100.35	101.29	45459
Previous open interest: 45233	Mar 96				101.29	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6 Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]; Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 7 close 6					
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	5.79	n/a	5.92	5.82	5.82
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $[illegible] Close: $382.10-382.60 High: $382.10-382.60
Low: $[illegible] AM: $382.25 PM: $382.30
Krugerrand: $[illegible] (£242.00-244.00)
Platinum: $[illegible] Silver: $5.35 (£3.385) Palladium: $139.60 (£87.90)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]	2.5472-2.5506	1¼-1pr	3¼-2pr
Brussels	[illegible]	46.77-46.97	12-9pr	31-26pr
Copenhagen	[illegible]	8.8170-8.8310	1¼-¾pr	2-1½pr
Dublin	[illegible]	0.9794-0.9820	9-6pr	22-17pr
Frankfurt	[illegible]	2.2747-2.2779	¾-½pr	1¼-¾pr
Lisbon	[illegible]	236.01-236.50	46-56ds	143-162ds
Madrid	[illegible]	196.46-196.75	42-52ds	136-153ds
Milan	[illegible]	2560.70-2564.80	7-10ds	24-27ds
Montreal	[illegible]	2.0995-2.1025	0.16-0.05pr	0.21-0.07pr
New York	[illegible]	1.5612-1.5922	0.14-0.11pr	0.32-0.27pr
Oslo	[illegible]	9.9800-9.9960	1¼-½pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	[illegible]	7.8440-7.8540	¼-½pr	1¼-½pr
Stockholm	[illegible]	11.022-11.056	1½-2ds	3½-5ds
Tokyo	[illegible]	160.46-160.72	1¼-1pr	2¼-2½pr
Vienna	[illegible]	16.009-16.036	4½-3½pr	11-9½pr
Zurich	[illegible]	1.8516-1.8545	1¼-1pr	2-1½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3063-1.3071
Austria	10.11-10.12
Belgium (Com)	29.56-29.57
Canada	1.3299-1.3304
Denmark	5.5740-5.5770
France	4.9620-4.9650
Germany	1.4370-1.4380
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7310
Ireland	1.6140-1.6150
Italy	1623.40-1624.90
Japan	101.20-101.30
Malaysia	2.5256-2.5266
Netherlands	1.6096-1.6106
Norway	6.3165-6.3195
Portugal	150.66-150.80
Singapore	1.4306-1.4316
Spain	124.30-124.40
Sweden	6.9780-6.9880
Switzerland	1.1575-1.1585

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5840-1.5866
Australia dollar	2.0674-2.0694
Bahrain dinar	0.5930-0.6050
Brazil real*	1.5174-1.5226
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7080-0.7180
Finland markka	6.7575-6.8735
Greece drachma	366.25-373.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.2366-12.2420
India rupee	53.32-54.28
Indonesia rupiah	3568.0-3636.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4705-0.4805
Malaysia ringgit	3.9914-3.9952
New Zealand dollar	2.4108-2.4141
Pakistan rupee	49.98 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7225-5.8465
Singapore dollar	2.2645-2.2675
S Africa rand (com)	5.7740-5.8760
U A E dirham	5.7750-5.8990

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	595	Land Secs	948
ASDA Gp	6,000	Legal & Gn	1,400
Abbey Ntl	2,100	Lloyds Bk	1,100
Allied Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	6,900
Argyll Gp	2,500	Mid Elec	162
Arjo Wggns	757	NatWst Bk	6,700
AB Foods	167	Nat Power	4,500
BAA	1,200	NW Water	1,300
BAT Inds	7,000	P & O	1,200
BOC	2,900	Pearson	2,500
BP	6,700	PowerGen	5,300
BSkyB	14,000	Prudential	4,900
BTR	3,400	REXAM	603
BT	20,000	RMC	2,600
Bk of Scot	2,300	RTZ	1,600
Barclays	6,500	Rank Org	1,000
Bass	1,400	Reckitt Col	973
Blue Circle	3,400	Redland	1,100
Boots	1,900	Reed Intl	4,900
BAe	3,300	Rentokil	650
BA	13,000	Reuters	2,400
Brit Gas	18,000	Rolls Royce	6,400
Brit Steel	4,900	Royal Ins	927
Burmah Cstl	525	Ryl Bk Scot	1,400
Cable Wire	9,200	Sainsbury	1,700
Cadbury	1,500	Schroders	361
Carlton Cms	827	Scot & New	420
Cm Union	1,100	Scot Power	995
Cookson	377	Sears	2,800
Courtaulds	2,400	Svrn Trent	1,800
De La Rue	260	Shell Trans	13,000
Enterpr Oil	1,900	Siebe	429
Fisons	949	SmKl Bch	2,900
Forte	2,300	Smith Nph	2,700
GKN	923	Sthern Elec	2,300
GRE	1,500	Std Chartd	4,900
GUS	1,900	Sun Allnce	245
Gen Acc	1,100	TI Gp	1,200
Gen Elec	27,000	TSB	1,700
Glaxo Well	3,300	Tate & Lyle	674
Granada	5,000	Tesco	2,500
Grand Met	8,900	Thames W	916
Guinness	4,600	Thrn EMI	2,300
HSBC	7,300	Tomkins	1,900
Hanson	13,000	Unilever	626
ICI	2,000	Vodafone	13,000
Inchcape	2,500	Whitbread	1,600
Kingfisher	2,200	Wlims Hld	926
LASMO	5,200	Wolseley	798
Ladbroke	1,600	Zeneca	715

WALL STREET

	Oct 3 midday	Oct 2 close
AMP Inc	38¼	38¾
AMR Corp	69¾	70¼
AT & T	64¼	64¼
Abbott Labs	43	42¼
Advanced Micro	28¼	28¾
Aetna Life	77	71¾
Ahmanson (HF)	25¼	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	52	51¾
Albertson's	33¼	33¾
Alcan Aluminum	31¼	31¾
Alco Standard	82¼	84¼
Allied Signal	43	43¼
Alum Co of Am	51¼	52¼
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5¾
Amerada Hess	47¼	48
Amer Brands	42¼	42¼
Amer El Power	36¼	36¼
Amer Express	43¼	44
Amer Genl Corp	36¼	37
Amer Home Pr	85	83¾
Amer Intl	84¼	84
Amer Stores	29¼	28¾
Ameritech	51¾	51¼
Amoco	64	63¾
Anheuser-Busch	63¾	63¼
Apple Computer	37¼	37¾
Archer Daniels	15¼	15¼
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	54¼	55¾
Asarco	31	31
Ashland Oil	33¼	33¼
Atl Richfield	105¼	106
Auto Data Pro	68¼	69
Avery Dennison	41¼	41¼
Avon Products	71¼	71¼
Baker Hughes	20¼	20¼
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	36¼	36¼
BankAmerica	60¼	60
Bank of NY	45¼	46
Bankers Tr NY	69¼	70
Barnett Banks	56¼	57¼
Bausch & Lomb	37¼	37¼
Baxter Intl	40¼	40¼
Becton Dickson	63¼	64¼
Bell Atlantic	61¼	61¼
Bell Industries	21¼	21¼
BellSouth	73¼	73¼
Black & Decker	34¼	34¼
Block (H&R)	37¼	37¼
Boeing	65¼	67¼
Boise Cascade	39	39¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	72¼	72¼
Browning Ferris	30¼	30¼
Brunswick	20¼	20¼
Burlington Nthn	73¼	73¼
CBS	80	80
CNA Financial	106¼	106¼
CPC Intl	66¼	66¼
CSX	84	84¼
Campbell Soup	50¼	50¼
Can Pacific	16¼	16
Cptl Cities ABC	117¼	117¼
Carolina Pwr	33¼	33¼
Caterpillar	55¼	55¼
Central & Sw	25¼	25¼
Champion Intl	51¼	53¼
Chase Manhat	60¼	60¼
Chemical Bk	60¼	60¼
Chevron Corp	48¼	48¼
Chrysler	52¼	53¼
Chubb Corp	94¼	94¼
Cigna Corp	104¼	105¼
Citicorp	71¼	71¼
Clorox	69¼	70
Coastal Corp	33¼	33¼
Coca Cola	69¼	69¼
Colgate-Palmolive	66¼	66¼
Columbia Gas	38¼	38¼
Compaq Comp	47¼	48
Comp Ass Intl	39¼	41¼
Conagra	39¼	39¼
Conrail	68¼	69
Cons Edison	30¼	30¼
Cons Nat Gas	40¼	40¼
Cooper Inds	34¼	34¼
Corning Inc	27¼	28¼
Crown Cork	39	38¼
Dana Corp	28¼	28¼
Dayton Hudson	74¼	75¼
Deere	82¼	82¼
Delta Air Lines	69¼	69¼
Deluxe Corp	32¼	33¼
Detroit Edison	32¼	32¼
Digital Equip	44¼	45¼
Dillard Dept St	32¼	32¼
Disney (Walt)	57	57
Dominion Res	36¼	37¼
Donnelley (RR)	39¼	39
Dover Corp	37¼	37¼
Dow Chemical	73	73¼
Dow Jones	37	37¼
Dresser	23¼	23¼
Duke Power	43¼	43¼
Dun & Bradstreet	58¼	58¼
Du Pont	66¼	67¼
Eastman Kodak	59¼	60¼
Eaton Corp	53¼	53
Emerson Elec	71¼	71
Engelhard Corp	25¼	25¼
Enron Corp	34¼	34¼
Entergy	27	26¼
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	72	71¼
FMC Corp	73¼	75¼
FPL Group	40¼	40¼
Federal Express	82¼	83¼
Fed Nat Mtge	104¼	103¼
First Chicago	69	68¼
First Interstate	100¼	100¼
First Union Rlty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Fin Grp	38¼	38¼
Fluor Corp	56¼	56¼
Ford Motor	30¼	30¼
GTE Corp	38¼	39
Gannett	54¼	54¼
Gap Inc Del	36	36¼
Gen Dynamics	53¼	54
Gen Electric	63¼	63¼
Gen Mills	56¼	56¼
Gen Motors	45¼	46¼
Gen Reinsurance	149¼	148¼
Gen Signal	28¼	28¼
Genuine Parts	40¼	40¼
Georgia Pac	85¼	87¼
Gillette	48¼	47¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24¼	24¼
Goodrich (BF)	62¼	63¼
Goodyear Tire	39¼	39¼
Grace (W&R)	65¼	64¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28¼	27
Great Wstn Fin	23¼	24
Halliburton	42¼	41¼
Harcourt General	41¼	41¼
Heinz (HJ)	46	45¼
Hercules	56	57¼
Hershey Foods	65¼	64¼
Hewlett Packard	81¼	82¼
Hilton Hotels	63¼	63¼
Home Depot	39¼	39¼
Homestake Mng	16¼	16¼
Honeywell	42¼	42¼
Household Intl	61¼	62
Houston Inds	44¼	44¼
Humana	19¼	19¼
ITT Corp	122	121¼
Illinois Tool	59	58¼
Illinova	27¼	27
INCO	32¼	33¼
Ingersoll Rand	36¼	37¼
Inland Steel	22¼	22¼
Intel Corp	59¼	59¼
IBM	94¼	93¼
Intl Flav & Fr	48	47¼
Intl Paper	39¼	41¼
James River Va	31¼	32¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	73¼	73¼
Kellogg	73¼	72¼
Kerr-McGee	56¼	56¼
Kimberly-Clark	67	67¼
Kmart	14	14¼
Knight-Ridder	58¼	58¼
Lilly (Eli)	89¼	89¼
Limited Inc	19	19
Lin Brdcstng	129¼	129¼
Lincoln Nat	46¼	46¼
Litton	42¼	42¼
Liz Claiborne	25¼	25¼
Lockheed Martin	66	66¼
Louisiana Pac	23¼	23¼
MCI Comm	26¼	26
Marriott Int	37¼	37¼
Marsh & McLnn	86¼	87¼
Masco Corp	28	28¼
May Dept St	43¼	43¼
Maytag Corp	17¼	17¼
McDonalds	37¼	38
McDonnell D	80¼	81¼
McGraw Hill	81¼	81¼
Mead Corp	57¼	58¼
Medtronic	52¼	53¼
Mellon Bk	45¼	45
Melville Corp	34¼	35
Merck Inc	57¼	57
Merrill Lynch	61¼	61¼
Microsoft	88¼	88¼
Minnesota Mine	57¼	57
Mobil Corp	99¼	99
Monsanto	99¼	100
Morgan (JP)	77¼	77¼
Motorola Inc	74¼	76¼
Natl Semi	26¼	27¼
Natl Service Ind	29	29¼
Navistar Int	11¼	12¼
NBD Bancorp	39¼	38¼
NY Times A	27¼	27¼
Newmont Mng	40¼	40¼
Niag Mohawk	12¼	13¼
Nike B	114¼	118¼
NL Industries	16	15¼
Noram Energy	7¼	7¼
Nordstrom	41¼	41¼
Norfolk Sthn	74¼	75¼
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	45¼
Norwest Corp	32¼	32¼
Nynex Corp	47¼	47¼
Occidental Pet	21¼	21¼
Ohio Edison	22¼	22¼
Oracle	38	37¼
Oryx Energy Co	13	13¼
Owens Corning	44¼	44¼
PPG Industries	45¼	45¼
PNC Bank	28	27¼
PP&L Res	23¼	23¼
Paccar Inc	46¼	47¼
Pacificorp	19¼	19¼
Pac Enterprises	29¼	29¼
Pac Gas & Elect	29¼	29¼
Pac Telesis	30¼	30¼
Pall Corp	22	22¼
Panhandle East	27¼	27¼
Peco Energy	29	28¼
Penney (JC)	49¼	49¼
Pennzoil	44¼	44
Pepsico	51¼	51
Pfizer	54¼	53¼
Phelps Dodge	62¼	62¼
Philip Morris	82¼	83¼
Phillips Pet	31¼	31¼
Pitney Bowes	41¼	42¼
Polaroid	39¼	39¼
PriceCostco	17¼	17¼
Procter & Gmbl	77¼	77¼
Providian	41¼	41¼
Pub Serv E & G	29¼	29¼
Quaker Oats	32¼	32¼
Ralston Purina	58	57¼
Raychem Corp	45¼	45¼
Raytheon	84¼	84¼
Reebok Intl	33¼	34
Reynolds Metals	57	56¼
Roadway Srvs	48	48¼
Rockwell Intl	46	47
Rohm & Haas	59¼	60¼
Royal Dutch	122¼	122¼
Rubbermaid	27¼	28
SBC Comms	54¼	54¼
Safeco Corp	64¼	64¼
St Paul's Cos	59¼	58¼
Salomon Inc	37¼	38¼
Sara Lee Corp	30	29¼
Seecorp	17¼	17¼
Schering Plough	51¼	52
Schlumberger	66	65¼
Scott Paper	48¼	48¼
Seagram	36¼	35¼
Sears Roebuck	35¼	35¼
Shell Trans	71¼	71¼
Sherwin Wlms	34¼	35¼
Skyline Corp	18¼	18
Snap-On-Tools	36¼	38¼
Southern Co	23¼	23¼
Sprint Corp	33¼	33¼
Stanley Works	43¼	43¼
Sun Company	25¼	25¼
Sun Microsys	59¼	61¼
Suntrust	65¼	65¼
Supervalu	29¼	29¼
Sysco Corp	26¼	27¼
TRW Inc	72¼	74¼
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	12	12¼
Tandy Corp	59¼	59¼
Teledyne	27	27¼
Temple Inland	51	52¼
Tenneco	46¼	46¼
Texaco	64¼	64¼
Texas Inst	78	78¼
Texas Utilities	35¼	34¼
Textron	67¼	68¼
Time Warner	39¼	39¼
Times-Mirror A	29¼	29¼
Timken	42	42¼
Torchmark	42¼	42¼
Toys R Us	26¼	26¼
Transamerica	70¼	71¼
Travelers	52¼	52¼
Tribune	64¼	65¼
Tyco Labs	62	61¼
UST Inc	29¼	29
UAL	169¼	172¼
US Inds	15¼	15¼
USX Marathon	19¼	19¼
Unicom	31¼	31¼
Unilever NV	129¼	129¼
Union Camp	56¼	57¼
Union Carbide	38¼	39¼
Union Pacific	66¼	66
Unisys Corp	7¼	7¼
USAIR Group	13¼	11¼
USF&G Corp	18¼	19¼
US Life	29	29¼
US West	47	47¼
United Tech	86¼	86¼
Unocal Corp	28¼	28¼
Upjohn	43¼	37¼
VF Corp	50¼	51¼
WMX Tech	27¼	27¼
Wal-Mart Stores	24¼	24¼
Warner-Lambert	93¼	93¼
Wells Fargo	193¼	190¼
Westinghouse El	15	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	45¼	46
Whirlpool	57¼	57¼
Whitman	20¼	20¼
Winn Dixie	59¼	59¼
Woolworth	15¼	15¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49¼	50¼
Xerox	129¼	131¼
Yellow Corp	13¼	13¼

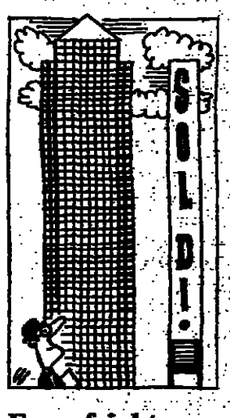
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Canary rushed into flight

AN AIR of urgency hung over the legal firm of Allen & Overy on Monday night. Time-pressed lawyers pored over the Canary Wharf/Reichmann documents anxiously racing the office clock. Had their legal pens not initialled the Canary Wharf deal by midnight, then negotiations that have long been tortuous could have been set back by at least a week. Because Commerzbank, as just one German lender, was anxious to head home in time to join in yesterday's *tag der Deutschen einheit* celebrations marking the fifth year of German unity. And the orthodox Reichmanns were anxious for the deal to be signed before *Yom Kippur* today. They finally managed to put pen to paper at 11pm.

For partners?

A PERFORMANCE of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, featuring Welsh National Opera soloists and the KPMG chorus of auditors, tax experts and secretaries, which was arranged for the City's Stationers Hall tomorrow as part of the firm's national opera sponsorship, has been hijacked to celebrate KPMG's decision to convert auditing partners into a limited company. In the original, Dido kills herself after being deserted by her partner. I trust everybody has a jolly nice evening.



Farm fright

FANS of *The Archers* should not jam Radio 4's switchboard, even though Touche Ross, the accountancy, has announced that receivers are offering for sale as a going concern Brookfield Farms Limited. That's a dealer in frozen foods near Lancaster — not Phil Archer's farm in Ambridge.

Number one

I ADMIRE the spirit of Waldemar Schmidt, who has taken over from Poul Andreassen as group president of ISS, the world's biggest contract cleaners and official char to the Bank of England. Andreassen's royal blue company Jaguar sported the number plate ISS 1. Schmidt, also driving a Jaguar, has adopted the number plate PBT 9. Saying it with numbers, that stands for profit-before-tax 9 per cent.

Divided house

FISONS thinks Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, whose hostile £1.7 billion bid for Fisons expires on Friday, should read the Bible more closely, particularly St Mark 3:25. "If a house be divided against itself . . ." Fisons is referring to the fact that Mary Tanner, the Lehman Brothers banker who is advising RPR, appears to have a different view about Fisons's strategy than her husband, Fred Frank, who is Lehman's head of investment banking for the pharmaceuticals sector. In a recent article, he said a drugs company that sheds its research arm, as Fisons has, may actually be doing the right thing. Tanner's team, meanwhile, has argued that Fisons has a questionable future without research capability and therefore should team up with RPR.

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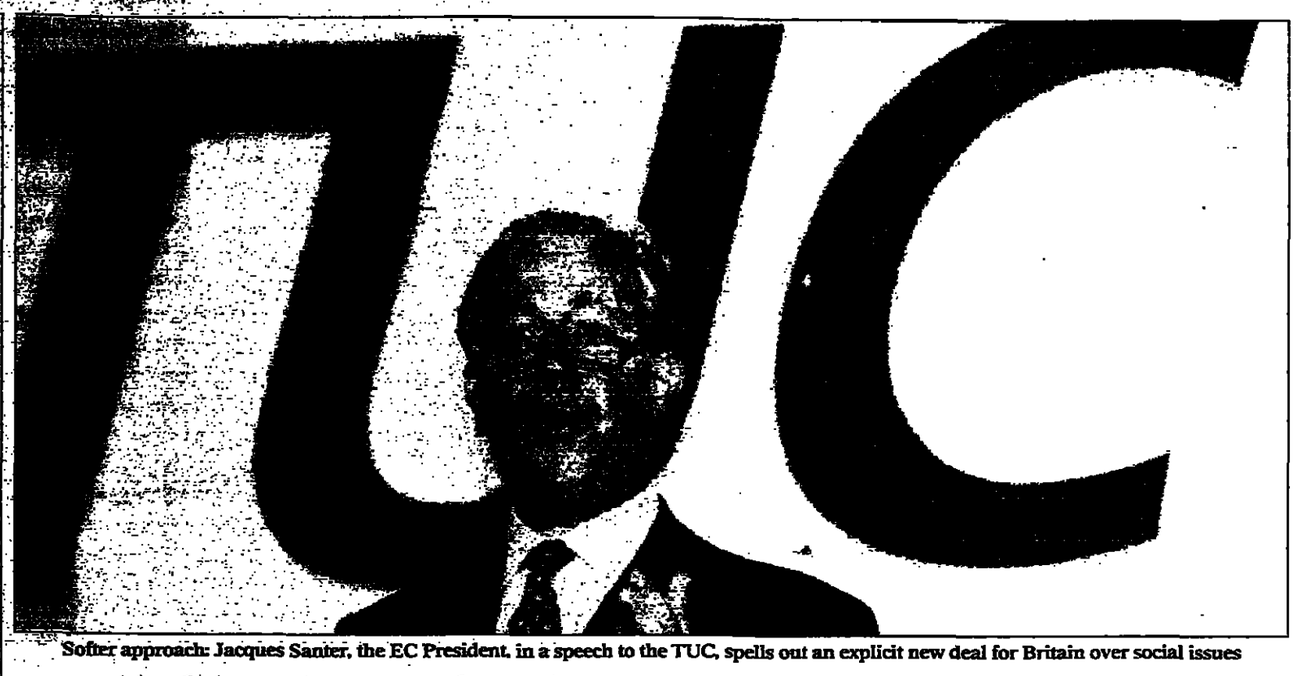

Softer approach: Jacques Santer, the EC President, in a speech to the TUC, spells out an explicit new deal for Britain over social issues

Industry keeps watch on the smoke signals from Brussels

The political temperature has cooled but change is still afoot, says **Philip Bassett**

Back in the days when Michaels Portillo and Howard ranted against Europe's job policies, each meeting of the EU's Social Affairs Council was a pitched battle: doughty Britain up against Johnny Foreigner. Council meetings these days, including tomorrow's in Brussels, are quieter affairs — yet oddly enough, their impact on UK business is, if anything, greater than in the rant and rave days.

The softer line over Europe, which British business welcomes, is exemplified in the replacement of Jacques Delors as European Commission President by Jacques Santer. For M Delors, social action was one of the central components of his vision of an integrated Europe. But in his speech to the TUC conference a fortnight ago, M Santer set out an explicit new deal for Britain over social issues: drop the Maastricht treaty social chapter opt-out at next year's intergovernmental conference, and we will legislate less, and police compliance more — two long-running key demands from the UK.

Whether that, and further pressure and concessions to come on the opt-out, will be enough for Britain will be a matter for high post-Maastricht politics next year. At that level, UK business is wrestling with how far it favours full economic and monetary union; but in the meantime, British industry has to get on with what is continuing to come out of Brussels on jobs, employment and social policy.

Tomorrow's Social Affairs Council is the first since Spain took over the presidency of the EU. Spain's own announced focus for its six-month term is on economic revival across Europe, with social policy — and especially job creation — as a key aspect of that.

Its social priorities include putting into effect the Commission's third social action programme, including legislative measures on pension equality, professional qualifications and migrant workers — though overall, the shape of the third programme is less legislatively prescriptive than the social action plans pursued by M Delors.

UK Conservatives, and especially the Euro-sceptics, will find all this a bit rich. For them, to be guided on employment issues by Spain, which has the highest unemployment rate in the EU at 22 per cent, is laughable. Eurosceptics like to point out that while Spain is advocating further social regulation across Europe, in its own country it is deregulating as fast and as far as it can, to try to bring its own unemployment down — with some effect, since Spain's unemployment rate has dropped two full percentage points over the past year.

Employment across Europe provides the continuing context for the EU's social drive. EU unemployment is steady, at a seasonally adjusted rate of 10.7 per cent, according to EU Eurostat figures — though this is down a half point on the level a year ago. Unemployment in particular is falling not just in Spain, but in Italy, France, and of course in the UK.

But the Commission's target, detailed in M Delors's competitiveness white paper, of halving current European unemployment by the year 2000 still looks tough to reach. Padraig Flynn, the EU Social Affairs Commissioner, says the job market across Europe is likely to remain stagnant for the next two years, with unemployment set to fall by about 1 per cent.

In the UK, such estimates simply spur on the Government to strengthen its policy of labour market deregulation, which it claims has led directly to Britain's low labour costs. The most recently available figures for labour costs, from 1994, show western Germany heading the list, with average hourly costs in manufacturing of £19.80. Switzerland, Belgium and Norway follow. At £9.93, Britain is both well below the EU average of £12.65, and beaten only by Spain (£9.11), Greece (£5.48) and Portugal (£4.13).

UK ministers will be disappointed, though hardly surprised, that tomorrow's meeting of the Social Affairs Council — where Britain will be represented by Eric Forth, Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment — will address few issues which they judge will have much impact on Europe's high labour costs.

Among the items the council is expected to consider are images of women. Spain is pushing hard on this, and wants approval for a draft resolution to combat the stereotyping of women in the media. Other items include:

- ☐ Racism. Though the EU's remit does not extend to cover this area, the council will examine it, after an initiative by France and Germany.
- ☐ Older people. Germany is blocking a draft resolution on older people, arguing this too is not within the remit of the Council of Ministers.
- ☐ Equal opportunities. As well as Mr Flynn giving a report on the controversial UN conference on women in Peking, Spain will propose implementing without delay the EU's fourth equal opportunity programme, which will run for four years from 1996 at double the funding levels of previous programmes. It will require equality issues to be taken fully into account in all member state policy decisions.
- ☐ Social exclusion. Both the UK and Germany are opposing the EU's draft programme of measures to help the so-called underclass.

Business will be largely unruffled, at least immediately, by such moves — though the equal opportunities programme will probably be judged to have considerable cost implications. But that isn't to say social Europe is now a quiet backwater for British business. A raft of legislation is still moving through the Brussels machinery in ways that will affect the way British industry operates.

In spite of the UK social chapter opt-out, many UK companies are already introducing European-style works councils in advance of the trigger point for doing so across the other 14 EU member states next September.

The adoption of works councils by companies such as Coats Viyella and United Biscuits in spite of the political opt-out is an illustration of the gap between the ideology of politics and the practicalities of business — industry has to get on with things even if the politicians do not want it to.

Industry is also listening to the debate on social policies that the UK Government opposes and need not adopt because of the social chapter opt-out, but which, like works councils, may affect British businesses anyway. Among them are the directive on equal treatment of part-time workers; a draft directive to give three months' leave entitlement to both parents after the birth or adoption of a child; and a draft directive to put the onus on employers to prove their innocence when sex or race discrimination is alleged.

Other governments oppose some of the measures too. Even so, this programme shows that in spite of its quieter presence, social Europe is still a key factor that business needs to take into account. Sound and fury against Europe will be revisited next week in Blackpool, just as sweetness and light in favour of Europe is washing around Brighton this week. But as the moves by UK companies to establish works councils show, though the political temperature over social Europe may have cooled, the practical problems mean that British industry will still be carefully scanning the smoke signals coming out of Brussels tomorrow.

ANTHONY HARRIS

The unbearable lightness of forecasting

Is it déjà vu all over again? Before we get down to cases, two familiar thoughts. "Those who cannot learn from the past are destined to repeat it;" and: "History never quite repeats itself." Clichés, but only because there is much truth in them; and if there wasn't, economic gurus would have to shut up shop. They are basic equipment: an example from the past to make a forecast plausible, a description of how it will be different this time makes it look subtle. The trick, of course, is to pick the right bit of the past.

Which brings us to the Stephens-Warburton affair. Philip Stephens is a house guru of the *Financial Times*, once economic, more recently political, but a bit of both. Peter Warburton is Robert Fleming's gloomy chief economist. Recently Stephens warned the Chancellor not to repeat the history of Nigel Lawson in 1986, and over-stimulate the economy as it is due to recover. Now Warburton has issued his own warning: don't believe it. Stephens's choice of 1986 is, as he rather huffily puts it, "a most inappropriate analogy." Try 1990.

The FT view does look a bit pink-tinted. "Both government and business have rebuilt their balance sheets" Stephens wrote. Business, yes; but government, as borrowing rises? And what about the overstretched personal sector? "Growth in the rest of the world is picking up." Growth forecasts, yes; but the real thing? "The feel-good factor will re-emerge." But feeling bad is not just a British disease; it embraces nearly the whole of the developed world. The forecast could still prove good; it matches the consensus. But as current description, it looks wishful.

The 1990 parallel gives Warburton's blue-tinted view. Now as then, policy is constrained by thoughts of Euro-convergence, and is deflationary. Trends in retail sales, stockbuilding and real rates are horribly like those five and a half years ago. And so is the forecasting consensus. Only Warburton, I think, could find an optimistic consensus cause for gloom: but that consensus is based, now as then, on an unexplained consumer spending surge, which looks more wishful than scientific.

Indeed, Warburton's figures are not as alarming as his warning against wishful thinking: for it seems to be endemic at the moment. Only wishful forecasts, for example, can make any sense of German insistence that EMU will still start on schedule, and on Bundesbank terms. The same goes for President Chirac's promises on job creation and — as Anatole Kaletsky argued yesterday — for Gordon Brown's. And professional economists are not immune: his circulars in my own postbag are full of fantasy. Two examples: "The British balance of payments is sound"; "Investment will rise strongly in 1996". And the same goes for Professor Robin Marris's discovery that green growth will solve all our problems. Just like that.

All this suggests that reality is becoming unbearable: whereas the truth is that it is simply uncomfortable. Is EMU a solution? Politically, it looks more like a problem. Does devaluation work better? Only conditionally. The current weakness of UK exports is against all forecasts, and the US is also finding export-led growth unexpectedly faltering. And does growth abolish poverty? The US may have only 5 per cent unemployment, but it also keeps 2 per cent of the male working population in jail.

For the truth about export-led growth, try Brian Reading: he argues the developed world is becoming rather dependent on demand from the less developed. Professor Patrick Minford explains that third world investment demand is draining both capital and jobs from the developed world, explaining both social stress and high real rates. These men are not consensus thinkers. But realistic analysis looks a better guide than wishfully bright, or even wishfully gloomy, forecasts.

Jon Ashworth on Canary Wharf's odd couple

Return of Reichmann puts the shoe on the other foot

Folklore has it that every time Paul Reichmann does a deal, he goes out and buys himself a pair of shoes. Observers quip that his wardrobe must be well and truly down at heel after the tribulations of the past few years.

Mr Reichmann, 65, has stamped his mark on some of the world's most ambitious property developments, but little is known about the man who is back on the scene at Canary Wharf. Those who do know him say he has three overriding characteristics. He does an intense amount of homework and knows his subject backwards. He is gentle in manner, softly spoken, understated and very polite. He is also extremely patient — unusually so, given the usual pace of business dealings. He seems to put time on his side, and will not be rushed into a decision.

In public, he is withdrawn and tends to hang back. He is almost invariably clad in his "uniform" — grey suit and white shirt, dark blue tie, and skull cap. He has a scraggy beard, and dark hair, and does not appear to have aged at all in spite of ill-fated forays into the UK and Mexico. He has a long-legged, purposeful, stride — almost a lope — and is known for his engaging smile. As one observer puts it: "He has a really human, genuine smile. His eyes sparkle."

It is ironic that his key partner in the Canary Wharf rescue should be Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the billionaire Saudi investor who effectively rescued Euro Disney last year. They are different in every respect, down to their speech and mannerisms.

Patient Paul Reichmann is back in control, as part of a consortium, at Canary Wharf

The 39-year-old prince is known for his snap decisions, and staccato speech. A business associate says: "He is the most decisive man I have ever met. He asks the questions that matter, then makes his mind up."

Prince al-Waleed spends a month each summer in Cannes on his luxury yacht, and it was here, in the summer of 1994, that Mr Reichmann first broached the idea of joining forces for a Canary Wharf bid. It was felt at the time that they would be better off pursuing separate bids, but subsequently threw in their lot at a meeting in London this summer.

Whatever their cultural differences, they are united by a common commercial purpose. The prince's reaction to the deal was: great, now on to the next one. Mr Reichmann is clearly deeply satisfied to have achieved his goal, but is not one to dance on the tables. A commentator says: "The prince is a very cool investor, and this is just a deal done. Mr Reichmann is very satisfied. His feeling is that this is a property that has been undervalued, and he wants to show that his vision was correct."

Stephen Adamson, of Ernst & Young, who met Mr Reichmann several times as lead administrator of Canary Wharf, said: "He is a very impressive man. I've seen a lot of people who have lost fortunes, and thought he conducted himself with quite remarkable dignity. I think he's one of the very few failed property developers who still demands and deserves respect."

The Reichmann wealth — the family was once estimated to be the world's seventh richest — was built mainly on property deals in the 1970s and 1980s, principally in Toronto and New York. In Toronto, the Reichmann's were feted among the Jewish community as a surrogate royal family, highly respected for their discreet philanthropy. Mr Reichmann, said to be the most important businessman to emerge from Canada since the Second World War, was the most conspicuous figure in a family-run property dynasty that became a legend for its secrecy.

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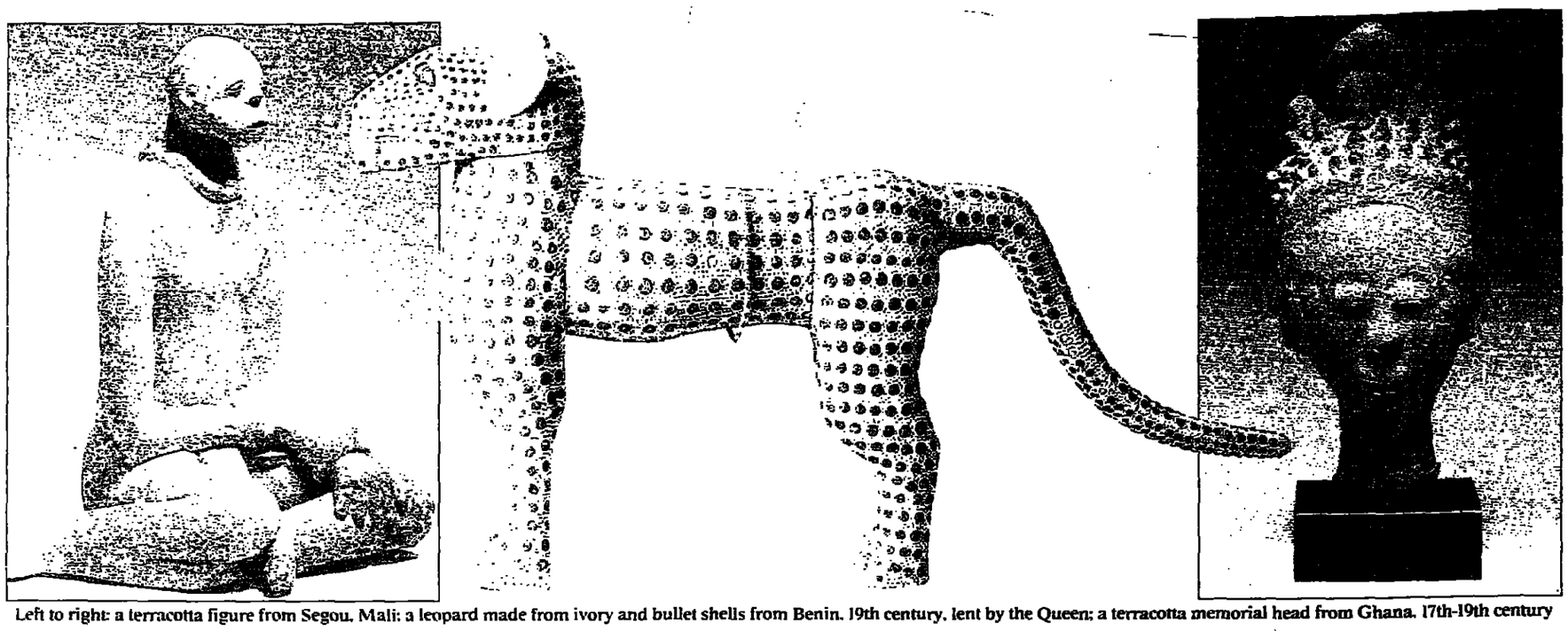
Wood carving by the Mumuye people of Nigeria



Left to right: a terracotta figure from Segou, Mali; a leopard made from ivory and bullet shells from Benin, 19th century, lent by the Queen; a terracotta memorial head from Ghana, 17th-19th century

Voyages into the soul of Africa

John Russell Taylor introduces a major exhibition of 50 centuries of art

Faced with the great panorama of African art over 50 centuries, the European cannot but reel back in wonder and delight, but also in puzzlement.

It has become fashionable to say that what the European thinks or feels about other cultures is of no account, and probably represents cultural imperialism or cultural appropriation. Nevertheless, an exhibition designed by Europeans for a European audience involves the question of European responses.

The problem is that although there is such a thing as European response, there is no such thing as a single, coherent African response with which to compare it. It would be difficult enough to generalise about a presentation devoted entirely to art in Africa in the 20th century, but when the field of inquiry is broadened to include artworks made as long ago as 3500 BC, generalisation becomes impossible.

To take Egypt, for instance: it is problematic enough to see any real continuity between early dynastic art, Islamic art, and timeless peasant art in the one country. To try to line up Egyptian art with the art of the Congo, or Nigeria, or even Ethopia, is an even more thankless task.

It is no wonder that the European tends to see African art in terms of previous contacts, particularly the contacts of 20th-century European and American artists with what was at the beginning of the century unselfconsciously called "primitive art".

In *Africa: The Art of a Continent* (the exhibition at the Royal Academy starts today and runs until January 21), one sometimes feels like the man who said that *Hamlet* was fine, except that there were too many quotations. Almost wherever one looks, there is something strangely familiar. A mask that is surely by Modigliani, a wooden totem pole which must have been carved by Brancusi, a fetish out of a Picasso painting.

That is fair enough as a first venture into strange territory. The only way to the unfamiliar is often through the familiar. If the artists we find ourselves recalling were, in their time, practising a species of cultural appropriation, they were also being colonised by Africa.

In many vital senses, the 20th century has been the century of Africa, the century when Africa emerged from being the Dark Continent and inserted its imaginative sway on other, more malleable societies.

Then there is the almost unthinkable diversity of the continent to contend with. The Royal Academy show is arranged chronologically and geographically. Visitors start with the earliest works, which happen to be Egyptian, and work their way through the centuries back to Egypt again, though this time late Islamic Egypt.

At the same time they are making a geographical tour of Africa, moving round Africa clockwise as they move round the galleries anticlockwise. For the purposes of the exhibition, African art is divided into seven sections.

After Egypt, for instance, the second section deals with eastern Africa, which is here regarded as stretching from Ethiopia in the north, down through Tanzania and Zimbabwe to the northern-most point of South Africa, including Madagascar along the way. Surely nobody would claim much consistency there. Though Sir David Attenborough insists that there is a profoundly felt aesthetic underlying and linking together of everything in the exhibition, one of the purposes of the organisers seems to be to amaze us with the sheer diversity of style and inspiration.

It soon becomes clear that received ideas about African art outside Africa are selective. It would be fair to say that when people talk about African art, they are usually thinking of Congolese art. It was sculptures from the Congo which first found their way to Parisian curiosity shops and caught the attention of Picasso, Modigliani, Derain and others.

From the point of view of their makers, these wooden masks were of primarily ritual significance, to do with crime and retribution. For the Paris-based artists who first became aware of them, they were divorced from their context and made their effect by their sophisticated formal qualities, their often exquisite workmanship. If they were found frightening and mysterious, that was part of their original purpose.

This is very different from the arts in North Africa. Islamic cultures are, after all, inimical to the representation of the human being, which elsewhere in Africa is the most important single area of subject matter. It is significant that when European artists such as Matisse and Klee were much affected by visits to North Africa, it was the scenes in general which captivated them, so architecture probably had most effect. The manuscripts and glassware are extraordinary in themselves, but have little to do with the rest of Africa. Like dynastic Egyptian art, they have their own code of conventions which relate in no vital way to, say, the tribes of the Congo.

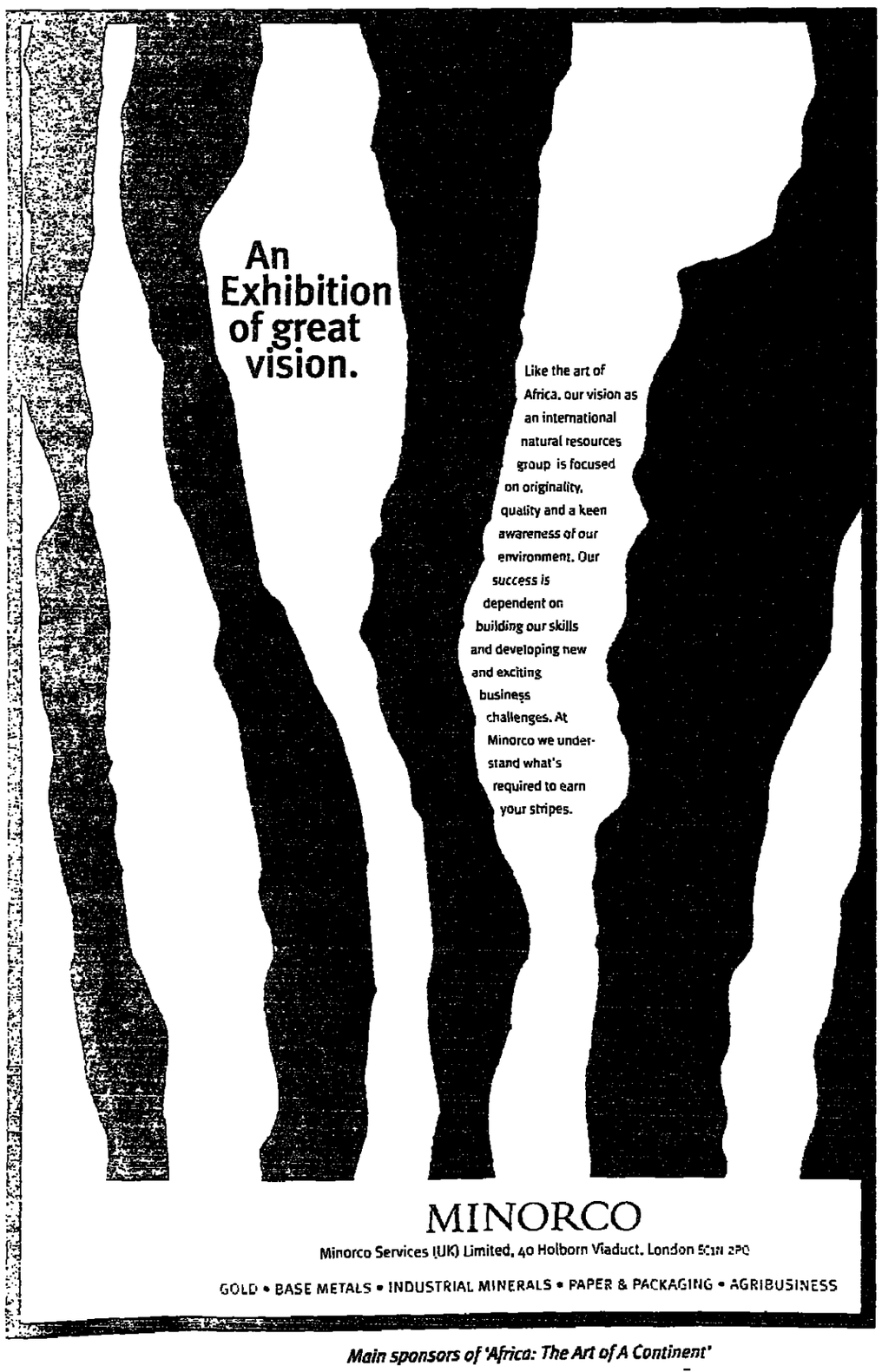
The differences are dictated not only by such matters as the forms of religion and social organisation predominating; there are also practical considerations such as the kinds of materials available.

Ceramics are more or less prominent depending on the availability of the right sorts of clay. Wood carving is much more extensive and important in forested areas, and the difference between hard wood and soft wood carving is also of great significance.

The very sophisticated bronze-casting of Nigerian sculpture in general and the portrait heads of Benin in particular are exceptional in the corpus of African art, and the delicately realistic style of the Benin heads is so exceptional in a continent where aesthetic realism was rarely an issue that it is easy to understand wild theories of some occult link between medieval Nigeria and ancient Greece.

As Europe becomes, in most practical ways, more and more unified, it also retains its linguistic and cultural diversity. Not only that, but the individual life of many minority cultures seems to be enhanced by being a small unit in a larger whole. African political unity is obviously even further away than European, but the continent is still seen as a single unit in which the component paths have most in common with one another.

Here cultural diversity survives and flourishes, and if some of that richness and complexity conveys itself to the outside world, then Britain's African autumn will have more than made its point.



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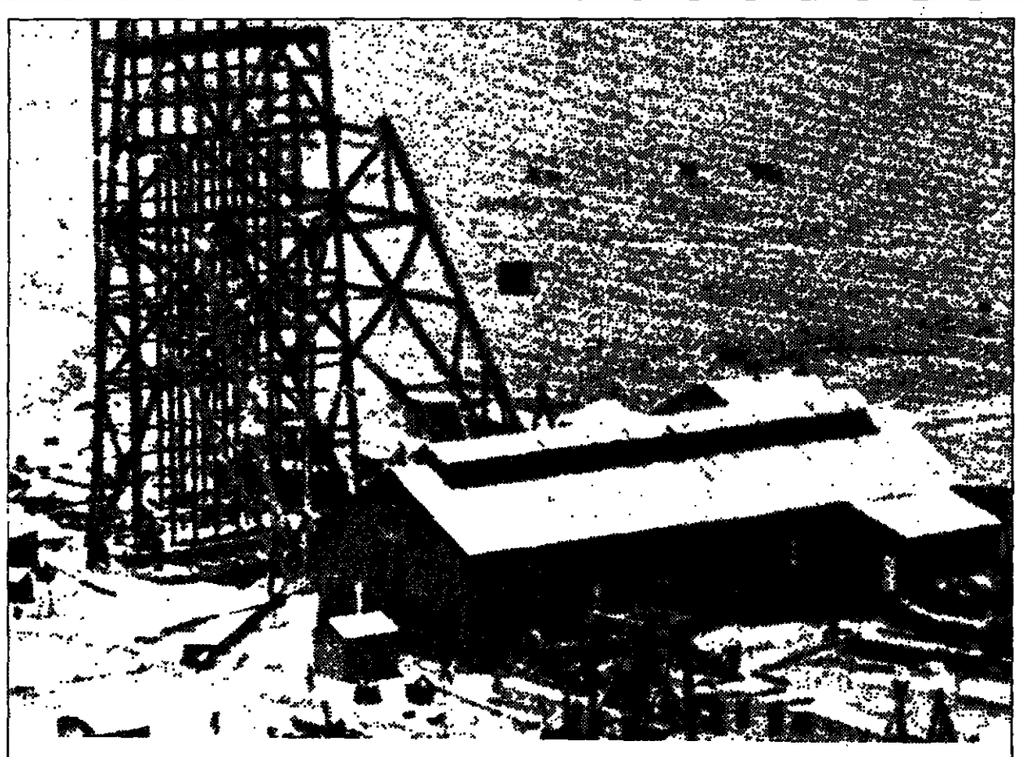

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
549	413	Abbey Natl	549	+ 3	4.4	11.0
328	280	Allied Irish	315	...	4.6	8.2
280	198	Ass Nw Z	276	+ 1	5.1	8.2
3043¼	2531¼	Bank America	3702½	- 37½	...	...
250½	191½	Bank Scotland	247	...	2.9	10.9
778	557½	Barclays	747	- 3	3.8	10.2
401	288	Bk of Ireland	401	+ 2	4.0	8.0
535	418	Dater Allen	488	- 4	7.4	7.4
4600	3450	Citicorp	4462½	- 25	...	...
340½	218½	Close Bros	318	- 3	3.5	...
2182¼	2129¼	Commerzbk	£1437½	- 81¼	3.7	...
1375	992½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1157½	+ 58	0.5	...
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3003½	- 81¼	2.4	...
861½	612½	Espirito Santo	743½	- 12½	11.1	...
1671	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1263¼	- 7	0.4	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	482	- 5	6.2	14.9
293	180	Hambros	203	+ 7	4.5	61.2
958	598	HSBC	936	...	3.5	11.8
898½	576	HSBC Ukt	887½	...	4.0	11.5
332	228	Irish Perm	329	...	3.8	7.5
483	353	Joseph (L)	438	+ 3	5.0	24.5
145	105	King Shaxson	137	...	8.2	10.6
710	538	Lloyds	693	- 3	4.9	10.6
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	565	- 1	6.8	8.7
665	454	Nat Westst	626	+ 1	4.6	8.7
3080	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500	...	8.4	3.5
57	47	Rea Brothers	47	...	2.7	18.6
475	373½	Royal Bk Scot	459	+ 5	3.9	11.0
1478	905	Schroders	1353	- 2	1.3	19.3
1180	825	Schroders NV	1123	- 2	1.8	16.9
110	81	Singer & Fried	109	+ 2	4.2	19.3
497	345	Stand Chart	459	+ 3	2.5	11.5
279½	217	TSB	273	+ 1	4.3	11.7
121	78	Union	115	...	3.3	...
2122	1604½	Wells Fargo	£118½	+ 89¼	2.4	...
260½	211	Westpac	261½	...	2.2	...
295	209	Wintrust	285	...	4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Assd Bridge	219	+ 1	...	8.4
689	487	Bass	649	+ 6	4.2	15.6
295	288	Boddington	270	+ 4	4.2	13.9
192	137	Burtonwd Brw	179	...	3.7	18.6
186	137	Eldridge P 'A'	173	- 2	3.1	21.0
61	51	Fosters Brewing	60	+ 1	5.8	...
433	335	Fuller Smi 'A'	423	...	2.5	18.1
527	402	Greenall Grp	486	...	3.4	14.4
605	468	Greene King	592	...	3.8	15.8
284	240	Hardy Hanson	283	- 1	4.0	12.9
160	150	Heaviton	155	...	4.5	10.9
3425	3043	Hen Jt	3148	+ 5	2.1	18.9
347	278	Mansfield	315	...	2.1	16.8
321	268	Marston Thmp	303	...	2.7	15.2
541½	391½	Morland	508	+ 7	2.8	15.3
8½	6½	Pearmount	7½	...	3.9	...
595	307	Regent Inns	581	- 11	1.5	...
2000	1287½	SA Breweries	1975	...	1.7	...
624	482	Scot & New	607	+ 6	3.8	16.3
397	226	Scot & New P/P	350	...	...	...
285	211	Vaux Group	285	+ 2	4.4	18.1
829	448	Wetherspoon JD	829	+ 11	1.4	28.1
647	521	Whitbread	629	+ 10	4.0	16.3
585	483	Wolverhampton D	538	- 4	3.3	13.9
290	186	Yates Bros	281	- 1	1.4	28.2
475	425	Young 'A'	442	...	4.2	19.8

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
910	425	Brit Biotech	853	- 55		
345	102	Cantab Pharms	285			
460	233½	Celltech	458½	+ 25½		
325	92½	Chiroscience	322½	+ 12½		
111	31	Cortecs	110			
257	103	Fisons	257	...	2.3	...
809	587	Glaxo Wellcome	767	- 1	4.9	17.6
266	162	Medeva	266	+ 1	1.7	17.1
719	273	Scotia	623	+ 4		
650	444	SmithKline	645½	+ 1½	2.5	19.2
635½	416	SmithKline Uts	633½	+ 1½	2.5	18.8
1180	840	Zeneca	1165	- 10	3.0	23.8

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

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566	491	Allied Domecq	536	- 2	5.5	12.6
499½	390	Bulmer (HP)	498	...	3.0	16.8
136	99	Burn Stewart	136	...	4.6	28.0
459	352	Grand Met	440	...	4.1	20.2
536	404	Guinness	521	+ 1	3.4	16.0
445	337	Highland Dist	400	...	2.3	18.0
217	176	Macallan-Glen	213	...	0.8	47.2
710	600	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	640	...	2.1	23.4
672	532	Matthew Clark	613	- 1	4.3	...
140	61	Merydan W	129	...	0.9	...
231	129	Tamson Cider	226	- 3	3.3	22.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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415½	364½	BT	395	- 1½	5.6	14.6
449	350½	Cable Wireless	420	- 2	2.7	18.7
209	165½	General Cable	203	- 1		
147	116½	NYNEX Cable	142½	- 1		
1765	1475	Securicor	1725	...	0.3	37.8
1130	800	Securicor 'A'	1080	...	0.4	23.9
1058	728	Security Serv	1010	...	0.8	26.1
195	147	TeleWest	193	+ 1½		
285½	177½	Vodafone	262½	+ 1	1.6	33.6

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
600	443	Anglian	593	+ 4	5.5	8.1
366	295	Mid Kent Hdgs	358	...	4.4	9.7
641	462½	North West	597	- 1	5.4	8.2
1033	676	Northumbrian	1033	+ 20	3.4	8.9
666	475	Severn Trent	659	+ 10	5.5	8.1
2285	1855	South Staffs	2230	...	...	...
566	459	South West	543	...	8.7	15.3
731	517	Southern	720	+ 19	6.3	7.6
568	456	Thames	558	+ 3	4.5	9.2
789	582½	Welsh	783	- 4	5.7	...
105½	100½	Welsh Cu Prf	103½	...	6.5	9.3
361	256½	Wessex	346	- 6	4.8	8.8
677½	472	Yorkshire	660	+ 2	5.2	18.5

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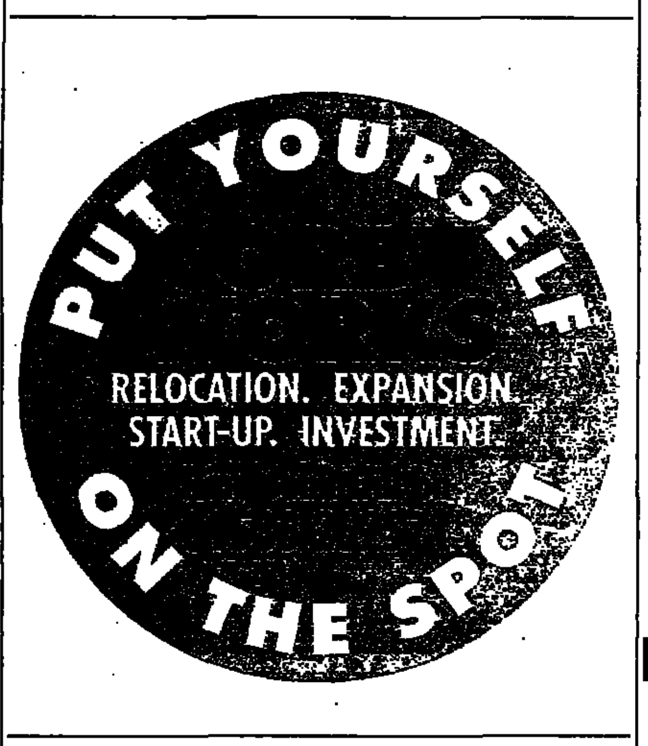

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Office recovery recedes yet again

Regional job cuts now loom, Christopher Warman says

Cautious optimism among companies that the property market is steadily on the way to recovery has weakened in recent months amid projections of a slowdown in economic growth this year, a survey by Jones Lang Wootton reports.

In its biannual property confidence review for London and the South East, the property advisers say that business confidence has passed its peak and fallen back to 1993 levels. Only 52 per cent of companies surveyed are more optimistic about their short-term business prospects, compared with 59 per cent six months ago and more than 60 per cent in 1994.

A number of other indicators show that the market's recovery is going to be a long process. According to the results of the survey of 584 companies, regional employment is set to decline. The number of office staff has fallen by 0.1 per cent since July 1994 and a further 0.9 per cent decline is expected over the coming year.

Though the ratio of demand for space compared with the vacation of space has improved slightly over the last six months, there is still a substantial imbalance. Total take-up of space in the past six months was 1.98 million sq ft while vacations amounted to 3.68 million sq ft. For the next two years, companies forecast their office space needs at 3.68 million sq ft while the forecast for vacation is 5.57 million sq ft. Office demand in the future will be largely driven by the needs of the banking and securities sector and other services, while UK banks and manufacturing companies are responsible for most of the anticipated disposals of space.

Jones Lang Wootton notes that the West End office market has been sluggish over the first half of 1995 and that the City market has been considerably less active than in the last half of 1994. By contrast some of the important submarket areas in Greater London, such as Canary Wharf and Hammersmith, have been able to attract large-scale, high-profile users.

The general picture is of low overall market turnover, both in space taken and vacated; a situation likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

Chris Jolliffe, research partner at Jones Lang Wootton, commented that the environment was one of substantial and continuing downsizing in office space requirements. "The return to market vitality and the redress of the imbalances that have recently affected all office market areas will depend critically therefore on new firm formation, the demands of smaller companies and large-scale inward investment to London and the South East region."

He suggested cautiously that there was growing evidence that such performance across the region could provide a boost to the office market in general, and particularly to key sub-markets. "For example, the recent success of the City and Canary Wharf in capturing large-scale demands from international banking operations, and global corporations' commitment to the Greater London and immediately surrounding metropolitan markets suggest that the potent combination of inherent location attractiveness allied to recently much-improved economic development activity across the region, can yield a significant volume and quality of office demand."

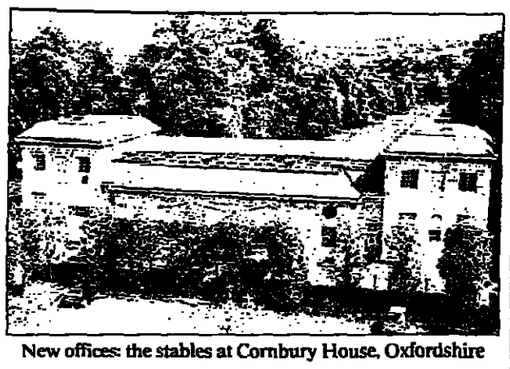
Further hopeful news comes from Richard Ellis, whose provisional figures for central London rents show that top rents in the City have risen from £32.50 to £35 per sq ft in the third quarter of 1995. It is only the second time that City top rents have increased since the market bottomed out in June 1993. This is partly because of increasing demand, reflecting London's importance as a financial centre.

The most notable deal in the quarter was Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's pre-let of 300,000 sq ft at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, with the rent rumoured to be above £40 per sq ft. There have also now been four or five deals at or above £35 to justify this level.

In the West End, the market continues its slow year, with top rents remaining unchanged at £42.50 a sq ft.

John Slade, chief executive of Richard Ellis's City division, said that although the overall market in central London was extremely tight, the dearth of quality space in the City, coupled with a healthy demand for space from the financial sector, was driving the City into a period of rental growth "which has long been heralded but is slow in arriving".

Hope among the caution: a 52,854 sq ft speculative headquarters building, designed by Nicholas Hare, at the King's Hill business park near Maidstone, in Kent, reflects the confidence of the developer, Rouse Kent Ltd, that the M20 corridor in the South East of England will prove to be both an attractive and strategic business location



New offices: the stables at Cornbury House, Oxfordshire

IN THE MARKET

A FINE 17th-century stable block adjoining Cornbury House, near Charlbury, Oxfordshire, set amid a 400-acre deer park, is being restored for letting as office accommodation next spring. The Grade II* listed building, adjacent to the Grade I listed Cornbury House, has 10,450 sq ft of space on three floors and will offer parking within the courtyard between the main house and stable block.

Robin Cayzer, who runs the family's 6,000-acre Cornbury Park estate, says: "The philosophy behind this development is the restoration of an historic building and the regeneration of jobs in the countryside."

The joint agents are Clegg Kennedy Drew, of Charlbury, and James Offen & Partners, of Oxford.

☐ MERSEYSIDE Development Corporation has announced the go-ahead for the Twelve Quays Science Park on the Wirral waterfront after approval of grant aid of £5.58 million towards the total project cost of £13.6 million.

The park, covering 500,000 sq ft, has three elements: a pharmaceutical research and trials clinic supported by IND Research, an American pharmaceuticals company, established in partnership with Liverpool's John Moores University; a "centre of excellence" providing bespoke computer training courses set up in conjunction with Phonelink, a Wirral-based company; and a business park offering a base for technology-orientated companies. It is hoped to start work before next year.

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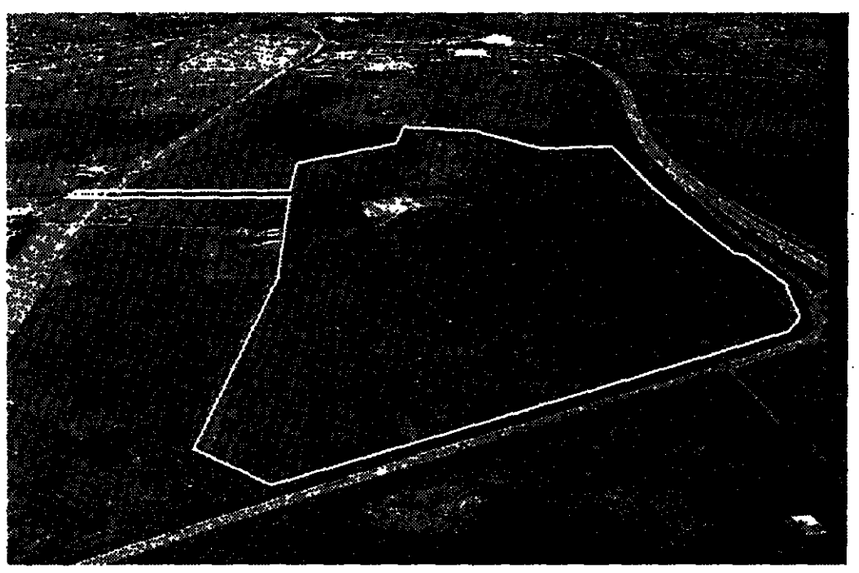

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Give your temp a clue

"I'm only the temp." You may indeed wonder why people filling in as secretaries often reply in such humble terms to unexpected questions.

Being a temp is no easy job. It's not just a case of doing the work, but of acquiring almost instant familiarity with the office, its methods and the whereabouts of absolutely everyone and everything.

Deirdre Connor, who has been a PA for 15 years and now temps herself, says that a lot depends on the notes that a secretary leaves for the temp. She suggests a list of invaluable facts (see checklist, right) that can help the temp at the start of their stint with the company: tell them who they will be replacing, reporting to and working with. Give details of the office computers, the couriers used, the diary and e-mail.

Then there are the possible emergencies: include in your notes the fire procedures, security details, location of the company doctor or nurse and the first-aid equipment. Inform your temporary successor where the fax and the photocopier are, the stationery and the shredder. What are the lunch arrangements? Who handles them?

Office phones are also important. Is there a "company way" of answering them? Remember, also, the passwords for the e-mail and computers. Travel bookings may need to be made in your absence, so it is helpful to leave details on who deals with them.

The problems and pleasures of temping are well understood by Amanda Maine-Tucker, who runs a leading recruitment agency in London's West End for both temporary and permanent staff. "Temps have to be able to do the job from the first hour — they simply have to arrive and get on with it," she says.

Amanda believes that a detailed list of notes is fine for the temp taking on a more straightforward job, but at senior levels a handover is the answer, with the prospective temp shadowing the secretary. "A very senior person cannot be serviced entirely from notes," says Ms Maine-Tucker. "Passwords for the computer, for example, can be very confusing. And does the boss like a slice of lemon in his tea?"

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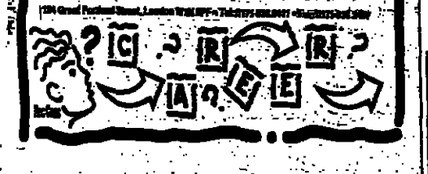

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England and Australia put differences aside at World Cup launch

Samoans ready to devour big fish

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE laid-back Western Samoa party was stuck on the 46 and so was late taking its place at the rugby league family table at Old Trafford yesterday. Unlike the other nine countries in the Halifax World Cup, the Samoans have yet to play a game together. Not that they consider it a handicap.

"We're doing it island-style," Graham Lowe, their coach, said. "We've got together, had a few drinks, played a few guitars, had a few singsongs, a few games of touch ... we'll be ready."

Lowe, a wily Kiwi, is not fooling anyone. Up against the big fish, Western Samoa are the minnows with the best chance of catching the floodtide. While the other minor playing nations can boast the odd "name" player, the sum of Samoa's many talented individual parts is one of the most eagerly-awaited features of the three-week tournament that starts this weekend.

Few of the sides possess the same flamboyance and firepower, plus experience of British conditions. Va'aiga Tuigamala and John Schuster, two former All Blacks, and Tea Ropati and Tony Tuimavave will spearhead a strong challenge to Wales and France in the most competitive of the three groups, with just one semi-final place at stake.

There is nothing contrived about the Samoans, nor Fiji or Tonga, their fellow newcomers. The game is taking firm root in the South Pacific Basin. In Papua New Guinea, it has been going half of rugby league's 100 years and is a national obsession. A record number of participating countries in the eleventh World Cup is testimony to the widening appeal of the sport.

Those who mock the numbers, when the game is only played to the highest standard in Britain, Australia and New Zealand, miss the point about development and the self-evident popularity of the code. No such criticisms are levelled at countries who have no chance of winning the football and rugby union World Cups.

Little should be read into the fact that the Fijians at the welcoming ceremony yesterday looked less formidable than war-painted members of the Dance Theatre of Fiji. Having Australia and England in their group is an extremely short straw. "Yes, they're very strong," Livai Nalagilagi, the captain, said. "We're looking first to beat South Africa. We'll do what we like doing best, running the ball."

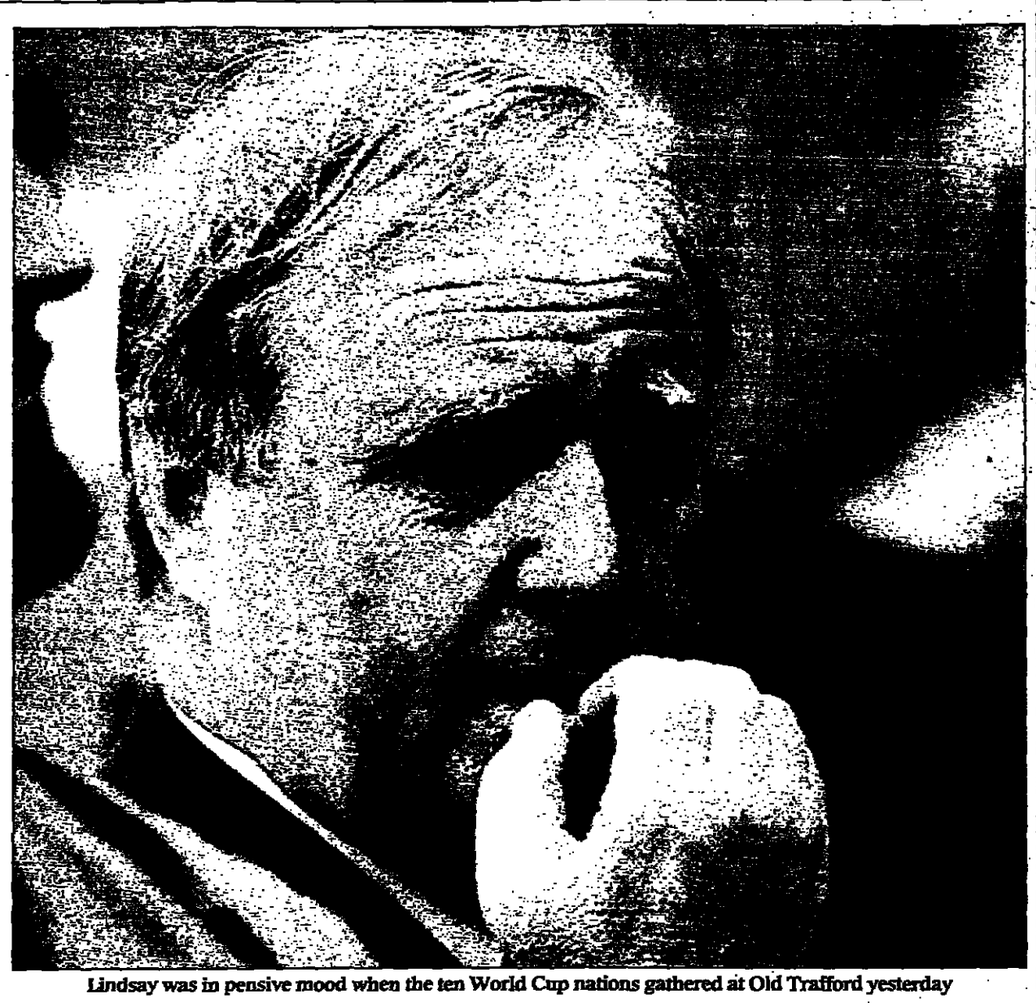
South Africa, by virtue of the clamp-down on league's grass-roots emergence by rugby union down the years, is once again attempting to rebuild. The World Cup comes alarmingly early in the process, but Tony Fisher, on secondment from Dewsbury to coach the "Rhinos", has been sufficiently impressed to sign up six players for his first division side. "We won't let rugby league down," he said.

It is the unknown that concerns Phil Larder. The England coach will pay both Fiji and South Africa the respect of strong, possibly even his strongest, sides, if the situation demands. "We won't be making any announcements on the team for the Fiji game at Wigan next Wednesday until we've watched them against South Africa on Sunday. We can take it as read that both of them will be physical. They are not challenges to be underestimated."

Tonga have been dealt a series of blows, with the defections of Jim Dymock and John Hopoate to the Australia camp and the withdrawal of several players in the past week because of injury. Duane Mann, the captain, said their resolve was to play "hard, clean and fair" in the group containing New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, whose coach, Joe Tokem, said warm-up games in France had helped his squad deal with the main problem of acclimatising to the cold felt on tour before.

England and Australia, on opposite sides of the argument raging over the Super League and the future direction of the game, were seated together. The outcome of some backstage diplomacy between Maurice Lindsay, the tournament director, and Bob Fulton, the Australia coach, was a temporary lull in the fighting.

"The Super League issue will be left outside the boundaries of this competition," Lindsay said. "The athletes will now do the talking." The greatest rugby league show on earth deserves that much.



Lindsay was in pensive mood when the ten World Cup nations gathered at Old Trafford yesterday

Players facing drugs purge

DRUG testing at the world cup will be among the most thorough carried out at any sporting event in this country. Maurice Lindsay, the tournament director, said all 250 players would have been tested twice by the end of the tournament, and random testing would be conducted at all matches (Christopher Irvine writes)

Pseudo-ephedrine, a stimulant found in cold remedies and permissible in Australia because of low-dosage levels, remains a banned drug under competition rules, which comply with the International Olympic Committee list. Dean Pay, a member of the Australia squad, tested positive for pseudo-ephedrine on tour here last year and escaped punishment by the Australian Rugby League. Lindsay said that Nathan Gibbs, the Australia team doctor, had submitted details to the International Rugby League Board about nasal decongestants prescribed for two players. These remedies were acceptable and were not on the banned list.

Ticket sales for the tournament stand at 122,000. Of these, 23,600 are for the England-Australia match at Wembley on Saturday. "I'm confident we'll get at least 30,000. We budgeted for between 35,000 and 40,000. A full house was never expected for the opening game," Lindsay said.

Although passed fit, there is still anxiety about Martin Offiah's calf strain and a knock he took on the ankle in a testimonial match last weekend. However, the Wigan player is expected to be selected today by the England coach, Phil Larder, on the left wing. "Martin is one of those confidence players and, as yet, he hasn't been able to go flat out," Larder said.

The condition of Gary Connolly, the 24-year-old centre who was withdrawn from the Wembley game because of pneumonia, is being given another week to improve before any decision to call up a replacement to the squad is made.

"We are delaying any decision as Gary is so important to us," Larder said. "We are looking at the possibility of him playing in the semi-final, so we want to give him every chance."

Induráin targeting Boardman's title

CHRIS BOARDMAN, out of action since his accident in the Tour de France in July, will be watching television pictures from Colombia today to see who inherits the second of the two world cycling titles he won in 1994. Graeme Obree took Boardman's 4,000 metres track pursuit championship in Bogota a week ago and has a chance of a medal in the 42km road time-trial today. Miguel Induráin, of Spain, the winner of the Tour de France for the last five years, was confirmed yesterday among the 63 riders on the road from Paipa to Tunja.

He did not compete in last year's inaugural championship, which Boardman won from Andrea Chiurota, of Italy. On that occasion, sickness reduced Obree to a shadow of his former self and he trailed in five minutes slower than Boardman. If Induráin, after weeks of preparation at altitude in the United States and Colombia, fails to produce the edge of speed today, his compatriot, Abraham Olano, second in the recent tour of Spain and winner of the 41km time-trial there, could be a serious challenger.

Ireland call up Phelan

FOOTBALL: Terry Phelan, the Manchester City defender, has been drafted into the Republic of Ireland squad for the crucial group six European championship qualifying tie against Latvia in Dublin on October 11. Phelan, 28, replaces the injured Denis Irwin, of Manchester United, at full back. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said of Irwin: "He's two or three weeks away. It's a bad blow for him because it's a big game for Ireland."

England at their best

GOLF: England will be at full strength when they begin the defence of their women's home international title against Scotland at Wrexham today. The champions can select their first-choice team, unlike Scotland, who are without Janice Moodie and Mhairi McKay, both members of the side which finished runners-up in the European Team Championships in Milan in July. They are at university in the United States.

Christie repays Bills

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Steve Christie kicked a 33-yard field goal with five seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to lift the Buffalo Bills to a 22-19 victory over the Cleveland Browns in Ohio on Monday. Christie originally hooked the kick wide but the Cleveland linebacker, Pepper Johnson, had signalled for a time-out before the kick, negating the miss and giving Christie another chance to secure the victory.

Regan seeks new date

BOXING: Robbie Regan's attempt to regain the British flyweight title from his old rival, Francis Ampofo, has been postponed because of a car crash suffered by the Welshman three weeks ago. The contest was scheduled for October 25 in Cardiff, but Regan's training has been disrupted by whiplash and foot injuries. Dai Gardiner, Regan's manager, is requesting a further month to prepare.

Bristol size up Jarman

RUGBY UNION: Bristol are expected to sign Richard Jarman, the New Zealand under-21 player, this weekend, after he sent the club a video of himself playing. Jarman will provide cover for Kyran Bracken, the England scrum half, but can also play in the centre. He could make his debut for the second team on Saturday against Sale. Jarman previously played for Taranaki, a leading New Zealand side.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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	♠K765 ♥A52 ♦AJ52 ♣J7	

Contract: 3 NT by South. Lead: King of hearts

I said I would duck the start, take the next one with the ace and clear clubs. I was told that East would win the second club and play a third heart. Now what would I do? I suggested that after taking the clubs, I might try a spade. Of course, I wasn't giving it my full attention, you understand. I was thinking of short-leg Chelsea and I wanted Garvey's views of how Gullit could play in the depths of winter in away matches against the likes of Bolton and Middlesbrough, when the mud was hock-deep. "Wrong," Garvey said. "On the lead of the king of hearts, East is marked with the rest of the high cards."

That is true and it is a good point: leading K from K x against no-trumps is already slightly eccentric but it would be much more eccentric to do so with other high cards on the side. So the winning line is to run the clubs and, when West has to discard two spades and a diamond, the declarer comes down to the king of spades and A J 5 2 of diamonds. If West started with the rest of the high cards, it follows that he must have come down to K x of diamonds — he is known to have two hearts and the ace of spades left. Declarer now finesses the jack of diamonds and plays off the ace to drop East's king and make his contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Disaster strikes Anand

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, has moved into a dominating lead after the 13th game of the World Chess Championship in New York. However, for this 13th game, the challenger, grandmaster Vishy Anand, of India, was, pre-eminently, the architect of his own destruction. Kasparov once again chose the sharp and risky Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence, but although forewarned by Kasparov's prior utilisation of this line in game 11, Anand and his team of advisers appeared to have prepared nothing with any particular venom in it against Kasparov's new favourite.

Anand's 12th move, exchanging one of his attacking pieces and strengthening Black's pawn structure in the centre, was feeble. His 19th move, which allowed Kasparov to mobilise his central pawns, was a blunder, while Anand's 21st move threw the game away by overlooking a devastating sacrificial conclusion. Kasparov then offered a pawn sacrifice and swept down the central files to pulverise the white king. Kasparov concluded with a elegant sacrifice of a knight to terminate White's resistance by hounding White's king to destruction.

Anand has now created an unenviable record, losing the shortest game with the white pieces in a world championship match since Steinitz lost to Chigorin in 24 moves in 1892. A particular feature of Anand's loss was that he resigned without moving either of his rooks.

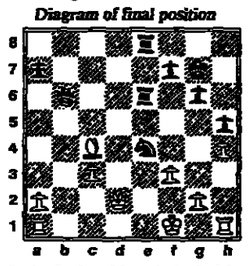
White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Garry Kasparov
Intel World Championship, Game 13, October 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	g6
6	Be3	Bg7
7	Qd2	Nc6
8	f3	0-0
9	Bc4	Bd7
10	h4	h5
11	Bb3	Rc8
12	Nxc6	bxc6
13	Bh6	c5
14	Bc4	Qb6
15	Bxg7	Kxg7
16	b3	Be6
17	Nd5	Bxd5
18	exd5	e5
19	dxe6	d5
20	Be2	c4
21	c3	Rce8
22	bxc4	Rxe6
23	Kf1	Rfe8
24	Bd3	dxc4
25	Bxc4	Ne4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



In the final position Black's knight sacrifice is terminal for White. After 26 fxe4 Rf6+ 27 Ke1 Rxe4+ 28 Be2 Qf2+ 29 Kd1 Rxe2 30 Qxe2 Rd6+ White's position is hopeless.

New Times chess book

Improve your game with Ray Keene's latest book, The Times Winning Chess, just published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders 01376 327901).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Saturday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Match Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Kasparov	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	7½
Anand	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	0	5½

Sri Lanka seal one-day international series

SRI Lanka's cricketers complemented their Test series triumph over Pakistan by winning the deciding one-day international in Rawalpindi yesterday by four wickets with two balls to spare, to seal a 2-1 victory. In a contest reduced to 38 overs each after rain, Sri Lanka were set a target of 184.

Sri Lanka appeared to be cruising at 138 for three but then lost three wickets in four overs to be left on 165 for six, needing 19 runs from 21 balls. Hasan Tillekeratne and Ruwan Kalpage defied the fading light, however, to clinch victory.

The visitors had limited Pakistan to 183 for nine in their 38 overs, with Kumara Dharmasena taking three for 30, and Aravinda de Silva three for 36.

Pakistan failed to take advantage of a 55-run opening stand and their last eight wickets fell for for 128 runs, Salim Elahi (30), Inzamam-ul-Haq (25) and Saeed Azad (19) were all caught on the boundary, while Aamir Sohail and Ramiz Raja were stumped. The innings was held together by the all-rounder, Aamir Hanif, who scored an unbeaten 36, but it was not enough to halt Sri Lanka.

Scoreboard, page 44

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

IRL
A round bonnet
To twirl
Bramble undergrowth

ALOPSIA
An Alpine plant
Rose-coloured spectacles
Yellow colour-blindness

CORUSCATE
a. To sparkle
b. Heart-shaped
c. Rusty

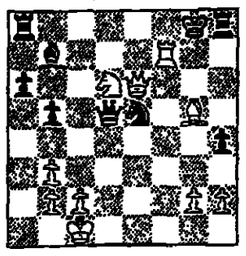
RECREMENT
a. Holiday money
b. Compensation
c. Reabsorbed secretion

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 8 1993. This is the kind of position at which a chess computer excels. White has a forced mate in four moves. Can you find it?



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NATIONAL RIVERS AUTHORITY

SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975

Pursuant to Section 25 of and Schedule 2 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, the National Rivers Authority ("NRA") hereby gives notice of its intention to fix new fishing licence duties which will have effect throughout the NRA's area of jurisdiction. It is intended that the duties set out below will come into force on 1 April 1996.

Instrument: Rod and Line
Period: For a period of 12 months with effect from 1 April 1996.
Area: All waters within the fisheries jurisdiction of the National Rivers Authority.
Duty:
(i) Salmon, migratory trout (sea trout), non-migratory trout, char, freshwater fish (coarse fish) and eels. Full annual charge: £65.00 Concessionary charge: £27.50
(ii) Non-migratory trout, char, freshwater fish (coarse fish), and eels. No change in duties.

Note:
1. The concessionary charge will apply to:
(a) persons who have reached the age of 12 but have not reached the age of 17 on the date of purchase of the licence,
(b) persons aged 65 years or older,
(c) persons in receipt of:
(i) long term incapacity benefit,
(ii) short term incapacity benefit (at the higher rate),
(iii) severe disablement allowance,
(iv) any pension which includes unemployability supplement.
2. Temporary licences for 8 days and 1 day, for both types of licence, will be available from 1 April 1996 at a charge of:
(i) Salmon, migratory trout (sea trout), non-migratory trout, char, freshwater fish (coarse fish) and eels. 8 days £25 1 day £5
(ii) Non-migratory trout, char, freshwater fish (coarse fish), and eels. No change in duties.
3. Subject to byelaws a licence allows the use of up to two rods at the same time when fishing for freshwater fish and eels.

The NRA has also proposed new net licence duties for migratory salmonids, details of which can be obtained from: The Fisheries Officer, National Rivers Authority, Rivers House, Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS12 4UD

Objection to the proposed full annual and concessionary duties may be made so as to be received within one month of the day of publication of this notice to: England - The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Room 808, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR. Wales - Mr P V Edwards, Welsh Office, Agriculture Dept 2B, Fisheries Section, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ. A copy of the objection should be sent to: The Fisheries Officer, National Rivers Authority, Rivers House, Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS12 4UD

C F Martin, Secretary and Director of Legal Services

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: London County
Lovelace Equestrian Foundation
Registered numbers: 257729, 313103
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfall House, Tregolls Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1ZA, quoting reference JM-143-CDXT). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

GRANTHAM CHARLES WILLIAM (DECEASED) late of 37 Culduard House, Hall Place, London W2 1LT. Formerly of 60 Ann Towse, 18a Place, Paddington, London W2 1LW. The Solicitors acting in the Estate of the above named are anxious to trace the whereabouts of any living relatives. Anyone who has relevant information is asked to contact: Aircraft Urquhart Solicitors, Queen Buildings, 8 Dale Street, Liverpool L2 4TQ.

Kenneth Steven Lawton also known as Steven Lawton late of Bevers of 16 Rectory, Straits Yorkshire, contact Miss A Woodrow, Bury & Walkers Solicitors telephone 01226-733555 for information in relation to a court appointment you are hereby notified to attend at Sheffield County Court on Friday 13th October 1995 at 10.15am.

THE ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE
Notice to Subscribers
Notice is hereby given that the 154th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St Saviour's Centre for Deaf People, 1 Aylmerton Road, Acton, London W3 7JL on Saturday 4 November 1995 at 11.30 am.
Subscribers wishing to attend will receive the necessary notice seven days before the meeting upon written application to:
The General Secretary
RAD
27 Old Oak Road
London W3 7HN

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
DECORATIVE TILE CO LTD - IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 809969
Nature of Business: Wall and Floor Tiles Specialists
Trade Classification: 25
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 28 August 1995
Name of person appointing administrative receiver: National Bank Plc
Name of administrative receiver: Roger Martin, Ian Gold and David Powell
Office Holder Nos: 6660 and 7062
Address: 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2JZ
Joint and Tax Home, 76 Street, Manchester M2 4WR.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADENWORTH LIMITED
Registered Number: 2638086
A meeting of unsecured Creditors has been called by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above mentioned company pursuant to Section 48(8) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of proceeding to that meeting a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the creditors think fit, of establishing a committee of creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The meeting will be held as follows:
Date: 18 October 1995. Time: 11.30am. Place: 2 Stone Hill, London, EC1A 2BN.
Creditors wishing claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
A creditor will only be entitled to vote at the creditors' meeting if: a) he has given to the receivers, not later than 12.0 noon prior on the business day before the meeting, full particulars of his claim and the vote he intends to be lodged on his behalf, and b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a proxy form. The creditor intends to be voted on his behalf.
Dated: 27 September 1995
Peter Anthony Leventis and Colin Cameron Wilkinson, Joint Administrative Receivers
1 Stone Hill, London, EC1A 2BN.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
SKY'S SONGS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that Stephen Bloomfield Rimer and Nicholas Hugh O'Reilly of Arthur Andersen & Co of Chesterfield House, 385/387 Euston Road, London, NW1Y 4EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company on the 31.0.1995 by The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland.

Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
SYBIL RICHARDS GRANT
OAKLOAD LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Fraiser of Ian Fraiser Associates, Cornwall House, 55 Cornwall Road, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 28th September 1995.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Ian Fraiser at Cornwall House, 55 Cornwall Road, London W2 1EP. I. Fraiser, Liquidator.

FNL Supplies Limited
In Creditors' Liquidation - In the High Court 4886 of 1995
Company Number 01802072
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, G Rose, MBA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of 8 Rose & Company, 24 Parkgate, Bounds Green, London, N14 7DY, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by Order of the Court made on 7th August 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are required to prove their claims in writing to me. No further notice, advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 21st day of September 1995.
G ROSE, MBA, Liquidator.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the persons in respect whose name and address is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the trustee or executor mentioned below, or to his solicitor, before the date specified after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed, by the trustee, having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
HEATHERSTONE, JEREMY deceased. EDWARD WEATHERSTONE, of 14 Hillside Road, London NW2 2LL died on 6th May 1995. Date for appointment of solicitors: 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2JZ.
GRIFFITHS, ROBERT HENRY deceased. EDWARD GRIFFITHS, of 8 Rose & Company, 24 Parkgate, Bounds Green, London, N14 7DY, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by Order of the Court made on 7th August 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are required to prove their claims in writing to me. No further notice, advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 21st day of September 1995.
G ROSE, MBA, Liquidator.

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Classic partnership has abrupt conclusion

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE telephone rang at 1pm yesterday in the Kildangan Stud suite, overlooking the Goffs Sales ring in Co Kildare. The conversation which ensued between Sheikh Mohammed, calling from Dubai, and Anthony Stroud, his racing manager, was ruthlessly to the point — and would send tremors throughout racing.

Inside the hour, Stroud had carried out his the orders by tracking down Henry Cecil and informing the ten times champion trainer that the sheikh was withdrawing his 40-plus horses from Warren Place in Newmarket. After a classic winning relationship stretching back more than a dozen years, Cecil had been dismissed.

The official version of events prompting the parting of the ways hinges around Mark Of Esteem, the outstanding two-year-old colt in Cecil's yard, whom Sheikh Mohammed decided three weeks ago would join his all-conquering Godolphin operation and winter in Dubai.

The horse, second favourite for the Derby in some antepost lists, left for Dubai 24 hours before he was due to run in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot on September 23.

A statement, prepared hastily by Stroud yesterday, explained: "Mark Of Esteem has arrived safely in Dubai. On his arrival a complete physical examination was carried out and it was discovered he has a knee condition that could require surgery. The injury occurred during or after his last race at Goodwood. It is a degenerative condition in the knee resulting in acute soreness.

"Contrary to general opinion, it is unlikely he would have been able to run in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. However, Sheikh Mohammed was not informed about this problem and neither was his racing manager until the day of the Royal Lodge Stakes when Henry Cecil admitted the colt had a knee problem, displaying stiffness to his gait."

Despite knowing about the injury, the statement continued, Henry Cecil had declared publicly his disappointment at not being allowed to run Mark Of Esteem in the Royal Lodge Stakes.

Ironically, Sheikh Mohammed first heard about the injury to Mark Of Esteem less than 24 hours after he called a press conference at Ascot where he made a thinly-veiled attack on Cecil's young wife, Natalie, for the way she interfered with the training of horses at the yard. "Henry Cecil is a great trainer but when he allows people who hardly know anything about thoroughbred horses to interfere, that is bad," he said.

Sheikh Mohammed "felt misled" by Cecil when the injury came to light but there was no sign he would take such drastic action in the days that followed. Perhaps, he wanted time to think. Or, more likely, he did not wish to do anything to distract from the successful preparation of Lammtarra for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on Sunday. Either way, neither Stroud nor anyone else had any inkling of what was in store before yesterday.

The sheikh stressed yesterday that his decision to dismiss Cecil had nothing to do with the dispute involving Natalie. Be that as it may, any relationship between an owner and trainer cannot prosper in the kind of strained atmosphere which had prompted recent headlines talking of "strife" and "war".

While Cecil attempted at Ascot to patch up the differences, in public at least, with his most influential owner, anyone who saw the body language between the pair after winning a race at Newmarket last week, knew the problems were far from over.

Not so long ago, the Maktoums used to restrict their public utterances to bland statements about how much they enjoyed racing in Britain, and how they would continue to race here while they were welcome. Whatever the rights and wrongs of yesterday's decision, the demonstration of sheer ruthlessness shows that Sheikh Mohammed, at least, has far greater ambitions now. And woe betide anyone who dares to stand in his way.

CECIL'S BIG WINS FOR THE SHEIKH

Classics

1,000 Guineas: Oh So Sharp (1985)
Oaks: Oh So Sharp (1985), Diminuendo (1987)
St Leger: Oh So Sharp (1985)
Irish Derby: Old Vic (1989)
Irish Oaks: Diminuendo (1988), Alydaress (1989)
French Derby: Old Vic (1989)
French Oaks: Indian Skimmer (1987)
French St Leger: El Cuite (1986)

Other major races

Coronation Stakes: Kissing Cousin (1994)
King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes: Belmez (1990), King's Theatre (1994)
Yorkshire Oaks: Diminuendo (1988)
Fillies' Mile: Diminuendo (1987)
Champion Stakes: Indian Skimmer (1988)
Prix d'Ispahan: Indian Skimmer (1989)

Happier times as Sheikh Mohammed and Cecil give Diminuendo a congratulatory pat after her triumph in the 1988 Oaks at Epsom

Abbaye winner earns trip to US

JOE NAUGHTON yesterday announced that his impressive Prix de l'Abbaye winner, Hever Golf Rose, will attempt to land her ninth win of the year in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park on October 28.

"She is in great shape and she came out of the race very well. We are just getting things organised for the trip to America," the Epsom trainer said. "I can't see any reason why she shouldn't run and she deserves her chance."

The four-year-old's 2½-length defeat of Cherokee Rose at Longchamp took her prize-money earnings for the year to more than £300,000.

"Sunday was a very, very special day and we were all over the moon — it made all the hard work worthwhile," Naughton said.

And the trainer believes there is better still to come from his talented filly. "I think Hever Golf Rose is still improving," he said. "She did very well physically from three to four and I think she will do the same from four to five." Hever Golf Rose will be joined in the Breeders' Cup Sprint by the Geoff Lewis-trained Lake Coniston.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NILGIRI HILLS (2.00 York)
Next best: Porphyrios (4.45 Market Rasen)

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 NILGIRI HILLS (nap) 2.30 Moving Arrow 3.00 Craigie Boy 3.35 Sheer Danzig 4.05 Iamus 4.35 Corradini 5.05 Victoria Regia

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 NILGIRI HILLS.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Arajaan. 4.35 CORRADINI (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 LEOPARDSTOWN NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £6,472: 6f) (14 runners)

101	(5)	23310	ARAJAAN 19 (D,G) (H Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 8-7	R Hills	93
102	(3)	24214	DASHING BLUE 25 (D,F) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 8-13	L Dettori	93
103	(1)	14110	NO MONKEY NUTS 39 (CD,F) (Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 8-10	J Carroll	90
104	(9)	233160	RAMSEY HOPE 18 (D,F) (C Barber-Lomax) C Fairhurst 8-7	N Kennedy	93
105	(11)	610	MUNAKEB 25 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-7	W Carson	90
106	(2)	24210	PHARMACY 38 (D,F) (Lady Jane Kaplan) J Watts 8-7	N Connorton	86
107	(10)	402015	ORIEL LAD 8 (D,G,S) (Kendall White & Co Ltd) P Evans 8-6	G Hind	92
108	(13)	3232	NILGIRI HILLS 18 (BF) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 8-4	M Roberts	⊛
109	(12)	-001	FIRST MAITE 21 (G,G) (S Bowring) S Bowring 8-3	M Fenton	90
110	(7)	333	BAILEYS FIRST 14 (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-3	T Williams	90
111	(14)	132014	STANDOWN 6 (F,S) (Miss C Dankers) J Berry 7-12	L Charnock	96
112	(8)	344033	CUMBRIAN MAESTRO 12 (B) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 7-11	J Lowe	91
113	(4)	403302	U-NO-HARRY 12 (D,F) (D Copperwhite) R Hollinshead 7-10	M Henry (5)	94
114	(6)	615	VAX NEW WAY 31 (D,G) (Vax Ltd) J Spearing 7-9	P Fessey (5)	95

BETTING: 5-2 Nilgiri Hills, 6-1 Dashing Blue, 7-1 Baileys First, 8-1 No Monkey Nuts, U-No-Harry, 10-1 others.

1994: SOE ME 7-11 W Carson (9-1) W Muir 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DASHING BLUE beat Dark Deed 2l in 16-runner maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with BAILEYS FIRST (5lb better off) ¾l 3rd and FIRST MAITE (10lb better off) 16¼l 11th. MUNAKEB beat Juicy 1¾l in 8-runner maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). ORIEL LAD beat Red Stream 3l in 6-runner auction at Chester (7f, good to soft). NILGIRI HILLS neck 2nd of 21 to Warming Trends in nursery at Leicester (6f, soft).
Selection: DASHING BLUE

2.30 MICKLEGATE RATED HANDICAP (£8,155: 7f 202yd) (8 runners)

201	(8)	2422-12	BLOMBERG 172 (F) (Comet Group Plc) J Fanshawe 3-9-7	D Harrison	90
202	(5)	23-1010	VERZEN 11 (V,F) (S Manana) D Loder 3-9-3	L Dettori	96
203	(2)	601600	MOVING ARROW 8 (D,F,G) (G Westgarth) Miss S Hall 4-9-1	J Weaver	95
204	(4)	318118	AKIL 11 (D,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-11	W Carson	94
205	(3)	124-500	NEW CENTURY 5 (F) (W Kelly) D Nicholls 3-8-9	Alex Greaves	92
206	(1)	020502	PAY HOMAGE 15 (D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 7-8-9	D Griffiths (5)	⊛
207	(6)	230211	CONFRONTER 14 (D,G,S) (Hatfield Ltd) S Dow 6-8-7	M Roberts	98
208	(7)	282223	COOL EDGE 4 (V,F) (H Chan) M Tompkins 4-8-7	P Robinson	97

Long handicap: Coolmeter 8-5, Cool Edge 8-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Verzen, 7-2 Blomberg, Pay Homage, 4-1 Akil, 7-1 Cool Edge, 8-1 Confronter, 10-1 others.

1994: MJO 3-8-12 J Weaver (13-8 fav) D Loder 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLOMBERG 1¾l 2nd to Two O'Clock Jump in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm). VERZEN beat Hi Nod neck in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). MOVING ARROW 6¾l 8th to Cyrano's Lad in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) with NEW CENTURY 5¾l 11th. AKIL beat Roving Minstrel short-head in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. PAY HOMAGE head 2nd to Tajdid in handicap at Epsom (1m 114yd, soft). COOL EDGE ¾l 3rd of 30 to Sarah in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
Selection: BLOMBERG

3.00 NEWINGTON HOTEL YORK RACEGOERS HANDICAP
(£7,044: 5f) (23 runners)

301	(14)	6566-60	POLLY PARTICULAR 11 (D,G,S) (J Ranson) T Barron 3-9-10	K Darley	90
302	(21)	423600	BEAU VENTURE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 7-9-10	R Lappin	96
303	(3)	012300	ANSELLMAN 11 (D,F,S) (Ansells of Watford) J Berry 5-9-9	P Roberts (7)	94
304	(15)	500260	INSIDER TRADER 16 (B,CD,F,G) (Lord Matthews) R Guest 4-9-8	G Duffield	93
305	(23)	230301	MACFARLANE 14 (CD,G,S) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 7-9-7	Pat Eddery	91
306	(16)	410002	HERE COMES A STAR 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Goodridge) J Carr 7-9-5	A Culhane	⊛
307	(2)	040200	ROBELLION 13 (D,F) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 4-9-4	R Hughes	93
308	(5)	323214	ALLYANA 6 (D,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-4	L Dettori	89
309	(22)	100655	HICKORY BLUE 5 (B,D,F) (Mrs C Griffin) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-3	S Drowne (3)	92
310	(11)	252535	JUST BOB 20 (D,F,G,S) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 6-9-2	J Stack (3)	95
311	(10)	502000	RICH GLOW 7 (D,F) (M Bateson) N Bycroft 4-9-2	Martin Dwyer (7)	98
312	(18)	241212	ROYAL DOME 6 (D,F,G) (G Jones) M Wane 3-9-1	M Roberts	95
313	(12)	404440	SWAN AT WHALLEY 5 (V,D,F) (Capt H Barlow) M Wane 3-9-0	M Tebbutt	98
314	(1)	003224	WALK THE BEAT 56 (D,F,G,S) (Country Life Pnrs) M Meade 5-8-13	V Slattery	94
315	(9)	460003	JUCEA 13 (D,F,G) (A Campbell) J Spearing 6-8-12	J Weaver	93
316	(8)	262246	NINETY-FIVE 13 (Execs of Mr M Wrigley) J Fitzgerald 3-8-11	Dane O'Neill (5)	93
317	(20)	6-00055	SILK COTTAGE 7 (B) (M Ng) B Whitaker 3-8-10	M Hills	92
318	(19)	500000	TENOR 7 (D,G) (G Thompson) D Nicholls 4-8-8	Alex Greaves	93
319	(6)	3-40040	BLUE SIOUX 6 (B) (J Ashby) J Wharton 3-8-8	P Robinson	90
320	(13)	225213	CHADWELL HALL 15 (B,D,BF,G,S) (D Bowring) S Bowring 4-8-5	C Teague (5)	95
321	(4)	115000	MISS ARAGON 11 (F,G) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 7-8-4	N Carlisle	98
322	(7)	6800-22	STUFFED 106 (F) (Early Morning Breakfast Synd) M W Easterby 3-8-3	W Carson	90
323	(17)	000026	CRAIGIE BOY 7 (B,G,S) (B Rayner) N Bycroft 5-8-3	S Maloney	94

BETTING: 8-1 Macfarlane, 10-1 Allyana, Here Comes A Star, Royal Dome, Chadwell Hall, 12-1 Insider Trader, Just Bob, Jucea, 14-1 Beau Venture, Rich Glow, 16-1 Ansellman, Craigie Boy, 20-1 others.

1994: SADDLEHOME 5-9-8 W Carson (14-1) T Barron 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

INSIDER TRADER best recent effort 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Crowded Avenue in handicap at Epsom (5f, good to firm). MACFARLANE beat Indiahra ½l in 13-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to soft). HERE COMES A STAR neck 2nd of 20 to Twice As Sharp in handicap at Newcastle (5f, good) with SILK COTTAGE (6lb worse off) about 1¾l 5th, CRAIGIE BOY (3lb worse off) short-head 6th, TENOR (1lb worse off) 3l 12th and RICH GLOW (2lb worse off) 1l 13th. ALLYANA best recent effort 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Double Matt in maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). ROYAL DOME 2l 2nd of 18 to Squire Corrie in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good) with ALLYANA (4lb worse off) neck and short-head 4th and BLUE SIOUX (5lb worse off) 9l 11th.
Selection: ROYAL DOME

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.35 BOOKER CHEF'S LARDER HANDICAP
(£6,264: 1m 2f 85yd) (13 runners)

401	(10)	400300/	CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 168J (F,G) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 6-10-0	M Birch	–
402	(13)	523140	SADLER'S WALK 18 (D,F) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-8	M Hills	98
403	(8)	010-140	CLOUDED ELEGANCE 116 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Lady Clutton) Lady Herries 5-9-8	J Reid	92
404	(12)	111023-	MAGIC JUNCTION 172J (G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7	D Harrison	91
405	(2)	0-08425	PERCY BRAITHWAITE 105 (B,C,F) (B Yeardley Cont) M Johnston 3-9-7	J Weaver	94
406	(5)	000125	SHEER DANZIG 19 (G) (B Arcull) R Armstrong 3-9-4	L Dettori	95
407	(6)	00-0541	SWEET MIGNONETTE 13 (D,F,G) (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-4	K Darley	96
408	(4)	115463	SILENTLY 13 (D,F,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-9-3	Pat Eddery	97
409	(3)	004500	INDONESIAN 13 (V,D,F) (J Pearce) M Bell 3-9-0	M Fenton	98
410	(1)	22050-3	SURREY DANCER 165 (D,F,G,S) (Laurel Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-0	S Copp (7)	94
411	(7)	00-6026	UNPREJUDICE 109 (F) (BDL Partners) M Hammond 4-8-9	R Hughes	93
412	(9)	453056	WENTBRIDGE LAD 3 (V,F,G,S) (J Pugh) P Evans 5-8-8	G Hind	⊛
413	(11)	6-20005	MBULWA 92 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) R Fahey 9-7-7	L Charnock	92

Long handicap: Mbulwa 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Sheer Danzig, 5-1 Sadler's Walk, 6-1 Sweet Mignonette, 7-1 Silently, 8-1 Clouded Elegance, 10-1 Percy Braithwaite, Indonesian, 12-1 others.

1994: TREAD THE BOARDS 3-7-2 N Varley (8-1) T Barron 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLOUDED ELEGANCE 3¾l 4th of 15 to Smart Generation in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. MAGIC JUNCTION 3¼l 3rd of 10 to Second Chance in handicap at Newbury (1m 1f, soft). PERCY BRAITHWAITE neck 2nd of 15 to Pride Of Pendle in handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SHEER DANZIG neck 2nd of 11 to Chairmans Choice in handicap here (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SWEET MIGNONETTE beat Kandyan 6l in 12-runner apprentices conditions race at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). SILENTLY 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Knave's Ash in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good) with INDONESIAN (3lb better off) 9¼l 7th. UNPREJUDICE ½l 2nd of 6 to Indian Jockey in handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: PERCY BRAITHWAITE

4.05 MONKGATE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £6,004: 7f 202yd) (14 runners)

501	(8)		BRIGHT ECLIPSE (J Robb) J Hills 9-0	M Hills	–
502	(4)	00	BY A WHISKER 13 (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 9-0	S Whitworth	87
503	(1)	0	COMPASS POINTER 21 (Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 9-0	M Tebbutt	–
504	(9)	40	ENERGY MAN 8 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 9-0	D Harrison	96
505	(14)	02	IAMUS 7 (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 9-0	J Reid	⊛
506	(12)	8	KILLMESSAN-TOWN 21 (Frank Carr & Partners) J Carr 9-0	S Morris	–
507	(3)		NORTHERN SOUL (C Buckley) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	–
508	(11)	090	OVERSMAN 70 (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 9-0	R Hughes	90
509	(10)	0033	PRINCE OF MY HEART 11 (G Hicks) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	92
510	(6)		SOCIETY MAGIC (Miss A Hill) I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	–
511	(2)	5	SPRING CAMPAIGN 35 (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 9-0	M Roberts	91
512	(5)	64040	CERISE 21 (R Bradley & Partners) C W C Elsey 8-9	P Fessey (5)	78
513	(13)	3	LOS ALAMOS 61 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-9	D McKeown	75
514	(7)	64	NUTCRACKER 12 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-9	M Birch	80

BETTING: 7-2 Iamus, 4-1 Prince Of My Heart, 5-1 Society Magic, 6-1 Northern Soul, 8-1 Energy Man, 12-1 Spring Campaign, 14-1 others.

1994: BEAUCHAMP JAZZ 9-0 W Carson (8-13 fav) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIGHT ECLIPSE (foaled Jan 23, cost 43,000gns). Second foal by Sunny's Halo: dam, half-sister to champion older mare in North America and multiple Grade 1 winner Princess Rooney, unraced. ENERGY MAN 3¾l 4th of 14 to Al Abraq in auction maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SPRING CAMPAIGN 2¾l 5th. IAMUS short-head 2nd of 12 to Final Stab in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft). NORTHERN SOUL (Mar 8, 18,000gns). Half-brother by Tasso to two winners including Strawberry On Top, multiple winner in North America; dam unraced. OVERSMAN 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Commentaria in maiden at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. PRINCE OF MY HEART 4¼l 3rd of 18 to Polar Prince in maiden at Haydock (7f, good). SOCIETY MAGIC (Mar 6). Half-brother by Imp Society to Sod Gal, winner in North America; dam, half-sister to numerous winners in North America, unraced. LOS ALAMOS 1¾l and head 3rd of 4 to Purple Memories in auction maiden at Ayr (5f, good).
Selection: PRINCE OF MY HEART

4.35 GILLYGATE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£7,337: 1m 5f 194yd) (3 runners)

601	(1)	46-3252	BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE 12 (BF,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 4-9-4	L Dettori	⊛
602	(3)	050453	TETHYS 11 (CD,F) (M Gleeson) J Eyre 4-9-3	J Weaver	92
603	(2)	01	CORRADINI 110 (C,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	98

BETTING: 4-5 Corradini, 11-8 Bahamian Sunshine, 10-1 Tethys.

1994: THE FLYING PHANTOM 3-8-8 P Robinson (4-1) M Tompkins 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE ½l 2nd of 8 to New Reputation in conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good). TETHYS neck and 5l 3rd of 5 to Trazl in handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good). CORRADINI beat Crystal Blade 3¾l in maiden here (1m 4f, good to firm)
Selection: BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE

5.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SPURRIERGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,744: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(5)	43	GULF OF SIAM 20 (BF) (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 9-0	J Weaver	75
2	(2)		MANOY (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 9-0	N Kennedy	–
3	(3)	4452	OCEAN STREAM 10 (B) (M Gleeson) J Eyre 9-0	L Dettori	88
4	(1)	0	SIHAFI 40 (H Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	72
5	(6)		LACHESIS (Barouche Stud Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-9	K Darley	–
6	(4)	033	VICTORIA REGIA 21 (Dr C Stelling) R Charlton 8-9	Pat Eddery	⊛

BETTING: 4-5 Victoria Regia, 3-1 Ocean Stream, 5-1 Gulf Of Siam, 8-1 Sihafi, 14-1 Manoy, 16-1 Lachesis.

1994: FOREST CAT 8-9 W Woods (Evens fav) Mrs J Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GULF OF SIAM 5¾l 3rd of 12 to Dimireet in auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good). MANOY (foaled Apr 26, cost 17,000gns) Half-brother by Precocious to 5f juvenile winner Ruby Cooper and Valiant Man and 6f/1m winner Just Fizzy; dam placed over 1m 4f at three years. OCEAN STREAM 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Marcomir in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good). SIHAFI 4½l 8th of 9 to Astuti in auction maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). LACHESIS (Feb 1) First known foal by Lycius; dam fairly useful dual 5f juvenile winner. VICTORIA REGIA neck and 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Masehaab in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft).
Selection: VICTORIA REGIA (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	11	41	26.8	Pat Eddery	44	227	19.4
M F-Godley	6	23	26.1	L Dettori	35	197	17.8
H Cecil	28	108	25.9	M Roberts	35	207	16.9
Lady Herries	6	25	24.0	W Carson	35	237	14.8
D Loder	5	21	23.8	G Duffield	9	61	14.8
D Nicholls	4	17	23.5	J Reid	19	147	12.9

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: firm

2.10 (7f) 1, Napoleon's Return (A Whelan, 13-2 fav); 2, Mister Joel (9-1); 3, Apartments Abroad (12-1). 28 ran. NR: Melos. 1½l, nk. A Foster. Tote: £7.20; £2.40, £3.00, £29.70. DF: £43.40. Trio: £54.00. CSF: £66.60.

2.40 (6f) 1, Chalamont (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Hulm (13-8); 3, Eccentric Dancer (66-1). Lavanda 11-10 fav. 7 ran. 9l, 2l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.38.

3.10 (1m 1f) 1, Almuhtaram (A Whelan, 14-1); 2, Curreiace (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Roman Reel (25-1); 4, Hawkish (5-1 jt-fav). 16 ran. ½l, 1½l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £18.40; £3.50, £1.60, £9.30, £1.60. DF: £19.60. Trio: £367.00. CSF: £83.30. Tricast: £1,638.33.

3.40 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, Pretoria Dancer (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Jadwal (8-1); 3, High Patriarch (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Sabin Lover, Sugar Mill. Nk, 3l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.80; £2.50, £3.80. DF: £16.80. Trio: £13.00. CSF: £30.68. Tricast: £72.43.

4.10 (7f) 1, Empty Quarter (L Dettori, 2-1); 2, Monaassib (11-8 fav); 3, Subzero (2-1). 4 ran. Hd, 8l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.06.

4.40 (7f) 1, Quilling (J Weaver, 9-1); 2, Mister Westsound (8-1); 3, Cuban Reef (10-1); 4, Sweet Mate (14-1). Master Charter 7-2 fav. 27 ran. NR: Barrel Of Hope, Second Cello, Shaffishayes. 1¾l, nk. M Dods. Tote: £11.20; £2.00, £2.30, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £23.90. Trio: £258.60. CSF: £96.89. Tricast: £718.41.

5.10 (6f) 1, Intiaash (R Hills, 7-2); 2, Sombreffe (2-1); 3, Mistress Thames (13-2). Dictation 13-8 fav. 9 ran. NR: Multan. 2½l, 4l. P Walwyn. Tote: £4.60; £1.30, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £5.70. Trio: £28.30. CSF: £11.30.

Placepot: £777.20. Quadpot: £48.60.

Warwick

Going: good to soft

1.30 (6f) 1, Second Time Lucky (D Harrison, 2-1 fav); 2, Sorbie Tower (6-1); 3, Veesey (25-1). 14 ran. NR: Le Teleu. 2l, ½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.80, £3.70. DF: £9.50. Trio: £32.70. CSF: £13.79.

2.00 (7f) 1, Sil Sila (S Sanders, 50-1); 2, Hilaala (7-1); 3, West Humble (20-1). Fijon 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Always Happy. 1½l, ½l. B Smart. Tote: £88.80; £15.10, £1.80, £15.50. DF: £227.40. Trio: not won (pool of £304.20 carried forward to 3.00 at York today). CSF: £361.49.

2.30 (1m) 1, Northern Celadon (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Linger (16-1); 3, Tonys Gift (10-1). Misty Silks 100-30 fav. 20 ran. 1¾l, 2l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £17.90; £4.70, £3.80, £4.70. DF: £316.90. Trio: not won (pool of £513.70 carried forward to 3.00 at York today). CSF: £208.64.

3.00 (1m) 1, Deadline Time (P Robinson, 10-1); 2, Maid For Baileys (10-1); 3, Stately (5-2 fav); 4, Makaskamina (25-1). 19 ran. NR: Rock Sharp. 3l, 1¾l. M Tompkins. Tote: £21.40; £2.90, £2.30, £2.30, £27.90. DF: £96.60. Trio: £88.80. CSF: £120.96. Tricast: £317.45.

3.30 (2m 20yd) 1, Coleridge (C Webb, 14-1); 2, Soojama (12-1); 3, Ballymac Girl (2-1 fav); 4, Head Turner (12-1). 20 ran. 3½l, 3½l. J Sheehan. Tote: £26.50; £4.10, £2.50, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £91.80. Trio: £72.80. CSF: £182.54. Tricast: £450.16.

4.00 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Rival Bid (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Golden Torque (3-1 fav); 3, Spitfire Bridge (14-1); 4, Born To Please (12-1). 20 ran. Nk, 3l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £2.40, £7.40, £2.10. DF: £35.30. Trio: £311.30. CSF: £18.12. Tricast: £151.30.

4.30 (6f) 1, Lay The Blame (T Quinn, 10-1); 2, Marsilex (7-2); 3, Scenicris (11-1). Ice Pick 3-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. W Jarvis. Tote: £17.60; £4.10, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £39.60. Trio: £217.20. CSF: £50.51.

5.00 (7f) 1, All-Royal (Pat Eddery, 8-15 fav); 2, Forest Robin (11-1); 3, Danish Circus (11-1). 17 ran. NR: Pencilled In. 4l, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £6.20. Trio: £49.00. CSF: £10.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £35,343.91 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £947.20. Quadpot: £60.60.

Exeter

Going: good

2.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Alltime Dancer (J Osborne, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, Tragic Hero (5-4 jt-fav); 3, My Mum Said (25-1). 14 ran. 2l, 12l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £1.50. Trio: £10.90. CSF: £3.00.

2.50 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Morning Blush (D Bridgwater, 5-1); 2, Killing Time (20-1); 3, Pooh Stick (33-1). Deerlet 11-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Power Share. 4l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £3.60, £6.80. DF: £155.90. Trio: £200.00. CSF: £91.26.

3.20 (2m 3f ch) 1, Kindle's Delight (J F Titley, 13-8 jt-fav); 2, Lake Of Loughrea (13-8 jt-fav); 3, Bishops Castle (8-1). 8 ran. Hd, 5l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.62.

3.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Persian Saint (Mr P Henley, 4-6 fav); 2, Sizzled (9-4); 3, Cades Bay (12-1). 9 ran. 4l, 10l. D Elsworth. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £1.40. Trio: £13.90. CSF: £2.88.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Philip's Woody (J R Kavanagh, 15-8); 2, Mine's An Ace (8-1); 3, Startap (25-1). Kings English Evens fav (ro). 5 ran. 30l, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £5.70. CSF: £13.77.

4.50 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Runaway Pete (D Bridgwater, Evens fav); 2, Welshman (16-1); 3, Chickabiddy (9-2). 8 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £4.10, £1.30. DF: £12.60. CSF: £17.10. Tricast: £53.54.

Placepot: £54.40. Quadpot: £2.50.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

2.10 Singlesole. 2.40 Rosina Mae. 3.10 Pleasure Trick. 3.45 Noblely. 4.15 Magic Bloom. 4.45 Can Can Charlie. 5.20 Gala's Pride.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 TOWN END LADY RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,058: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

1	0-P2	BIGWHEEL BILL 11 (B,F,G) J Jenkins 6-11-10	Sophie Mitchell (5)
2	000-	SINGLESOLE 205 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Sly 10-11-7	Miss L Allan
3	164-	HIGHLY DECORATED 244 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 10-10-9	Miss V Haigh
4	34-0	JOHN TUFTY 115 (G) J Pearce 4-10-6	Miss P Jones
5	P545	LORD NASKRA 37 J L Harris 6-10-0	Mrs M Morris
6	/5	RELATED SOUND 25 (G) M Barraclough 9-10-0	Ann Stokell

4-5 Bigwheel Bill, 4-1 Highly Decorated, 5-1 Singlesole, 7-1 Lord Naskra, 10-1 John Tufty, 25-1 Related Sound.

2.40 ASH RESOURCES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,716: 3m) (5)

1	10-5	ROSINA MAE 18 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-12-0	R Garritty
2	0/P	FETTUCCINE 18 (C,D,F,G,S) R Juckes 11-11-12	A Thornton
3	52-4	FEARLESS WONDER 18 (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-6	P Niven
4	3131	MOOBAKKR 18 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 4-10-9	A S Smith
5	5133	JUBILEE ROYALE 25 (BF,F) K Bridgwater 4-10-0	D Bridgwater

13-8 Moobakkr, 5-2 Fearless Wonder, 7-2 Jubilee Royale, 9-2 Rosina Mae, 20-1 Fettuccine.

3.10 RATCLIFFE SELLING HURDLE (£2,093: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1	0-F6	ARROGANT BOY 5 D Chapman 6-11-0	R Garritty
2	PP/	BIG CHANCE 88F J Glover 6-11-0	Mr C Bonner (3)
3		BRACKENTHWAITE 30F L Lloyd-James 5-11-0	R Dunwoody
4	/F	LITTLE BLACKFOOT 37 J L Harris 7-11-0	A S Smith
5	-536	LITTLE CONKER 25 A Smith 7-11-0	M Brennan
6		POP TO STANS 11F J Pearce 6-11-0	P Hide
7	4/P	SOVIET EXPRESS 19 M Chapman 5-11-0	W Worthington
8	0P-2	PLEASURE TRICK 18 N Tinkler 4-10-13	N Williamson
9	-04F	PORTOLANO 37F (V) W Clay 4-10-13	R Farrant
10		STAR PERFORMER 12F Mrs M Reveley 4-10-13	P Niven
11	0	KAJOSTAR 19 S Campion 5-10-9	P Midgley (3)
12	0/P-	SWYNFORD FLYER 38F J A Harris 6-10-9	T Dascombe (7)

2-1 Star Performer, 3-1 Pleasure Trick, 9-2 Little Blackfoot, 6-1 Pop To Stans, 7-1 Brackenthwaite, 8-1 Little Conker, 12-1 Portolano, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Ramsden, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; M H Easterby, 22 from 73, 30.1%; J Jefferson, 7 from 25, 28%; N Twiston-Davies, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 74, 25.7%; K Bailey, 6 from 24, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Hide, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; Mr C Bonner, 3 from 7, 42.9%; N Williamson, 11 from 45, 24.4%; P Niven, 21 from 95, 22.1%; L Wyer, 19 from 101, 18.8%; R Farrant, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

3.45 WEST BURTON OPENING NOVICES CHASE
(£3,652: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

1	3-21	NOBLELY 12 (F,G,S) N Walker 8-11-6	R Dunwoody
2	5356	BEAULIEU BAY 25 (B,G) K Wingrove 11-11-1	J Ryan
3	3/F-	BERTONE 378 (F,G) K Bailey 6-11-1	N Williamson
4	/50-	BULGADEN CASTLE 389 J Wharton 7-11-1	B Dalton
5	01-P	KING ATHELSTAN 109 (F,G,S) K Morgan 7-11-1	A S Smith
6	0P/	LEADER SAL 644 J Wade 6-11-1	D Ryan (7)
7	0/P-	LORD VIVIENNE 12F B Rothwell 6-11-1	R Supple
8	415-	SALMAN 137 (F,G) Mrs V Ward 9-11-1	R Davis
9	56-4	SHELTON ABBEY 8 (B,F,G,S) J Wade 9-11-1	K Jones
10	0/0	CANNY LAD 19 (V) M Bielby 5-11-0	M Brennan
11	F41-	GORBY'S MYTH 158 (G) J Leigh 5-11-0	R Guest

5-2 Noblely, 3-1 Bertone, 9-2 King Athelstan, 6-1 Gorby's Myth, 8-1 Salman, Canny Lad, 12-1 Shelton Abbey, 14-1 others.

4.15 JACKSON SHIPLEY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,651: 3m 1f) (4)

1	21P-	OVER THE STREAM 229 (F,G) K Bailey 9-11-10	N Williamson
2	4111	MAGIC BLOOM 25 (C,F,G) J Jefferson 9-11-2	L Wyer
3	2/0	VERY CHEERING 14 (CD,S) Miss M Rowland 12-11-2	Gary Lyons
4	413F	PERUVIAN GALE 6 (F) Mrs S Smith 6-10-0	R Guest

4-5 Magic Bloom, 7-4 Over The Stream, 8-1 Very Cheering, 12-1 Peruvian Gale.

4.45 CHAIRMAN'S NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,861: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

1	2-1	PORPHYRIOS 12 (S) K Bailey 4-11-2	N Williamson
2		ABSALOM'S PILLAR 30F J Mackie 5-10-11	T Eley
3		BOOTS N ALL M Wilkinson 5-10-11	R Dunwoody
4	22P-	CAN CAN CHARLIE 7F J Pearce 5-10-11	P Hide
5		MCA BELOW THE LINE 12F (V) J Eyre 7-10-11	G Harker
6	200-	STAR OF DAVID 184 Mrs A Embiricos 7-10-11	J Ryan
7	00-	SUNDAY'S MAN 186 B Rothwell 5-10-11	R Supple
8		TOP TATT 5 Bell 5-10-11	M Dwyer
9	0P-	BEX BOY 39F M W Easterby 4-10-10	J Driscoll
10		DURANO 53F M H Easterby 4-10-10	L Wyer
11	4	PHIL'S TIME 26 T Mills 4-10-10	D Bridgwater
12		TREE OF TIME 227F J Norton 4-10-10	W Fry (5)

2-1 Porphyrios, 7-2 Can Can Charlie, 4-1 Phil's Time, 7-1 Durano, 8-1 Absalom's Pillar, MCA Below The Line, 10-1 Boots N All, 20-1 others.

5.20 SILVER SILO MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,994: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1	3211	GALA'S PRIDE 14 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-0	S Joynes (7)
2	6F4-	LIFE DANCING 128 K Morgan 4-11-1	A S Smith
3	0-16	BRITANNIA MILLS 18 (D,F) M Chapman 4-10-8	W Worthington
4	04-U	LUCY TUFTY 105 J Pearce 4-10-3	P Hide
5	0P0-	MISSUS MURHILL 42F N Tinkler 4-10-0	N Williamson
6	-344	ROSSCOYNE 47 K Morgan 5-10-0	R Massey (5)

4-6 Gala's Pride, 4-1 Britannia Mills, 7-1 Life Dancing, 8-1 Lucy Tufty, 25-1 Missus Murhill, Rosscoyne.

Blinkered first time

MARKET RASEN: 4.45 MCA Below The Line. TOWCESTER: 4.25 Northern Elation. YORK: 2.30 Verzen, 3.00 Swan At Whalley, 3.00 Blue Sioux, Silk Cottage, 5.05 Ocean Stream.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Big Pat. 2.50 Flapjack Lad. 3.20 Slingsby. 3.55 Royal Saxon. 4.25 Express Travel. 4.55 No Light.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.55 Banana Cove.

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2.20 LIGHTING EQUIPMENT NEWS SELLING HURDLE (£1,968: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1	3005	HALHAM TARN 6 (S) H Manners 5-11-6	G Brown	–
2	-140	TELMAR SYSTEMS 88 (G) J White 6-11-6	P McLoughlin (3)	96
3	65/	BIG PAT 18F J O'Shea 6-10-13	M A Fitzgerald	–
4	24	KING ACRYLIC 28 R Brotherton 4-10-12	C Llewellyn	⊛

5-4 King Acrylic, 5-4 Big Pat, 7-2 Telmar Systems, 6-1 Halham Tarn.

2.50 LIGHTING INSTALLER NOVICES CHASE (£2,793: 2m 110yd) (8)

1	4U16	CAPTAIN TANDY 13 (D,F,S) J White 6-11-7	P McLoughlin (3)	82
2	4F5-	AEDEAN 170 (S) G Enright 6-11-0	A P McCoy	⊛
3	P5P-	FLAPJACK LAD 186 (S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0	C Llewellyn	–
4	P	GO AGAIN 73 J Upson 6-11-0	J Supple (3)	–
5	U44-	HAWAIIAN YOUTH 175 (G,S) R Rowe 7-11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
6	3F4-	HIGHLAND POACHER 128 (S) D McCain 8-11-0	D McCain	76
7	P6-F	CONBRIO STAR 34 Miss C Caroe 5-10-13	I Lawrence	–
8	2-30	JUST ROSIE 32 (F,G) A Jones 6-10-9	S McNeill	–

5-2 Captain Tandy, 7-2 Flapjack Lad, 5-1 Aedean, Just Rosie, 6-1 Hawaiian Youth, 7-1 Conbrio Star, 10-1 others.

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,777: 2m) (6)

1	0-32	WALKING TALL 23 (CD,F) T McGovern 4-11-4	A P McCoy	98
2	PP/	BEN CONNAN 487 J White 5-11-0	J R Kavanagh	–
3	00P-	CLASH OF CYMBALS 194 J Moore 6-11-0	W McFarland	–
4	51-	SLINGSBY 149 (F) Miss H Knight 5-11-0	J F Titley	–
5	0P5-	STRONG PROMISE 242 G Hubbard 4-10-13	K Gaule (3)	⊛
6	00-3	MISS CASHTAL 25 D Thom 4-10-8	M Perrett	–

7-4 Walking Tall, 9-4 Slingsby, 11-4 Miss Cashtal, 5-1 Strong Promise, 20-1 Clash Of Cymbals, 33-1 Ben Connan.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Ritchens, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; J Moore, 4 from 13, 30.8%; J Spearing, 4 from 15, 26.7%; Mrs I McKie, 12 from 52, 23.1%; H Collingridge, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 4 winners from 19 runners, 21.1%; A Tory, 3 from 19, 15.8%; Peter Hobbs, 4 from 28, 14.3%; L Harvey, 12 from 93, 12.9%; J Osborne, 6 from 51, 11.8%.

3.55 BATHROOMS & KITCHENS, THE MAGAZINES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,405: 3m 1f) (10)

1	2U2-	FAR SENIOR 149 (D,F,G) K Bailey 9-12-0	Mr M Armytage	90
2	-311	FROZEN DROP 23 (CD,F,G) P Rachens 8-10-12	A Tory	⊛
3	5222	ZAMIRAH 14 (BF,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12	C Llewellyn	86
4	1R2	ROYAL SAXON 11 (F,G,S) P Bowen 9-10-11	Mr R Johnson (5)	94
5	0-44	SQUIRE JIM 33 (V,D,F,G) N Babbage 11-10-10	M A Fitzgerald	–
6	231/	NATHAN BLAKE 522P (B,F,G) D Gissell 10-10-8	Peter Hobbs	–
7	112P	VICAR OF BRAY 19 (F,G) G Balding 8-10-0	B Clifford	97
8	PPD-	PARSON'S WAY 190 (B,C,G) A Jones 8-10-0	G Brown	98
9	522-	DENNINGTON 170 (G) G Hubbard 7-10-0	K Gaule (3)	92
10	433-	MIRAGE DANCER 123 (F) Miss C Caroe 12-10-0	I Lawrence	86

5-2 Frozen Drop, 4-1 Zamirah, 9-2 Royal Saxon, 6-1 Vicar Of Bray, 7-1 Nathan Blake, 8-1 Far Senior, Dennington, 16-1 others.

4.25 BRITISH PRINTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,996: 3m) (7)

1	P114	CATS RUN 36 (C,BF,F) J Upson 7-11-10	J Supple (3)	92
2	500-	SECRET BID 166 R Alner 5-11-5	Mr P Henley (7)	89
3	30P-	PETTAUGH 184 G Hubbard 7-11-4	K Gaule (3)	97
4	6-21	EXPRESS TRAVEL 97 (D,F) R Curtis 7-11-0	D Morris	89
5	2P-1	SAN GIORGIO 25 (D,F) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-13	C Llewellyn	⊛
6	0/3-	SOUNDS GOLDEN 369 John Whyte 7-10-5	A P McCoy	98
7	-040	NORTHERN ELATION 25 (B) J Spearing 5-10-3	J Railton	–

2-1 Cats Run, 9-4 Express Travel, 5-2 San Giorgio, 6-1 Sounds Golden, 14-1 Secret Bid, 16-1 Pettaugh, 20-1 Northern Elation.

4.55 KITCHEN INFORMATION SERVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,303: 2m) (10)

1	353-	ATHERTON GREEN 131 (D,F,G) J Glover 5-12-0	M A Fitzgerald	96
2	510-	BANANA COVE 158 (F) Mrs J Cecil 4-11-12	T Kent	89
3	1-64	NO LIGHT 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-11-9	L Harvey	93
4	3250	ROYAL CIRCUS 11 (D,F,G) P Hiatt 6-11-8	E Husband (5)	98
5	2222	JEWEL THIEF 28 (D,F) G Balding 5-11-7	A P McCoy	90
6	504-	NATIONAL FLAG 128 (S) K Burke 5-11-7	A Larnach (3)	89
7	SP4-	DESERT CHALLENGER 128 J Jenkins 5-11-0	J Osborne	⊛
8	126-	STAPLEFORD LADY 154 (F) J Moore 7-10-11	W McFarland	94
9	40-0	JOYS FIRST 18 H Collingridge 4-10-11	S McNeill	97
10	/56-	LAABAS 9F (B,D,G) J Long 12-10-0	R Rowell	90

5-1 Atherton Green, 4-1 Jewel Thief, 5-1 No Light, 6-1 Desert Challenger, 7-1 Banana Cove, National Flag, 8-1 Stapleford Lady, 12-1 others.

Cool Ground retired

COOL GROUND, the 1992 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, has been retired at 13 and will begin a new career as a lead horse at Whitcombe Manor stables. Trained by Toby Balding and ridden by Adrian Maguire, he was a 25-1 outsider when landing the Gold Cup.

Hughes banned

RICHARD HUGHES, who won the William Hill Cambridgeshire on Cap Juluca, was yesterday banned for ten days (to run from October 6 to 17) by the Jockey Club disciplinary committee. He pleaded guilty to improper riding on Half An Inch at Brighton last week.

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Scotland manager hopes to solve goalscoring problems against Sweden

Brown puts emphasis on attack

By Kevin McCarra

SCOTLAND'S journey to Sweden next week has the air of a mass emigration instead of a mere trip to play football. The squads named yesterday for the B and full international matches, on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, comprise 37 players. Given the battery of coaching staff also required, the Scottish Football Association would have been forgiven for toying with the idea of chartering a jumbo jet.

The abundance of raw material has been gathered together, though, so that the national team manager can begin shaping the group that will contest the 1996 European championship finals in England. Scotland's participation there is scarcely in doubt. Six runners-up qualify automatically, and the team is sure of second place in group eight if, as expected, Greece fail to beat Russia in Moscow as Scotland are playing Sweden in Stockholm next Wednesday. Results elsewhere should ensure that Craig Brown's side has one of the six best records among the group runners-up.

With that in mind, he will be rooting for Italy when they travel to meet Croatia on Sunday. These permutations, however, cannot entirely be at the forefront of Brown's thinking. The deployment of the manager's own players is complicated enough to monopolise his attention.

The scoring of goals is a delicate subject where Scotland are concerned. In nine European championship qualifying matches, three of which have been played against such ostensibly defenceless nations as the Faeroe Islands and San Marino, the team has scored 14 goals. The lack of continuity in attack goes some way to explaining the sterility.

So far in group eight, Scotland have used a different combination of forwards in each of the nine ties. Brown yearns for some predictability in that area. "We have not had an established partnership since the days of Ally McCoist and Maurice Johnston," he said.

Brown believes that he is, at least, in possession of one half of a solution. Scott Booth, now restored to fitness after a long period of injury and subsequent surgery, appears to have the credentials for international football, and scored the only goal of the game against Finland last month.

Brown would like to put him in harness with Duncan Ferguson, of Everton, but the latter, now recovering after a second groin operation, seems to be beset by turbulence that knocks his career off course. The Scotland manager cannot waste time waiting forlornly for the tall forward to become dependable.

In Stockholm next Wednesday, John Robertson, of Heart of Midlothian, is likely to be alongside Booth. He has remained even-tempered during a long spell of being used merely as a substitute, and Brown is ready to reward such patience. The rapaciousness with which Robertson scored against Hibernian on Sunday, however, is an even greater virtue.

It is Scotland's intention to adopt an attacking style against Sweden so that those forwards on trial can at least be sure of the ball being sent their way. Paul McStay may be responsible for guaranteeing the side's sense of direction.

The Celtic captain has the curious distinction of being both forgotten and taken for granted. The obscurity is the result of injuries that have kept him out of international football this year, while the lack of appreciation stems from the public's over-familiarity with a man who has been playing for Scotland since he was 18 and now, at 30, has 72 caps. Brown, though, has no need of a refresher course on McStay's merits, and feels that his squad is significantly enhanced by the midfield player's return.

The only wholly surprising selection is that of Kevin McKeown, the goalkeeper, in the B group. He was freed by Motherwell six years ago, but has re-emerged in Northern Ireland and is the player of the year there. Brown watched him play for Crusaders against Glentoran on Sunday.

SQUADS

SCOTLAND: A Goram (Rangers), J Leighton (Hibernian), T Boyd (Celtic), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), J Collins (Celtic), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), D Jackson (Hibernian), G McAllister (Leeds United), S McCall (Rangers), A McCoist (Rangers), J McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), S McKimmie (Aberdeen), W McKinlay (Dundee United), A McLaren (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), P Nevin (Tranmere Rovers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian), S Booth (Aberdeen).

SCOTLAND B: B Gunn (Norwich), P Bernard (Aberdeen), C Burley (Chelsea), C Cameron (Raith Rovers), G Creaney (Manchester City), S Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), E Jess (Aberdeen), P Lambert (Motherwell), B Martin (Motherwell), K McKeown (Crusaders), T McKinlay (Celtic), R McKinnon (Motherwell), A Rae (Millwall), D Sheerer (Aberdeen), P Telfer (Coventry City), S Tweed (Hibernian), N Walker (Partick Thistle), D Whyte (Middlesbrough), S Wright (Rangers).

McStay's return after injury may improve the supply to Scotland's strikers in Stockholm. Photograph: Richard Maw

Albert poised for return in cup tie

By Our Sports Staff

PHILIPPE ALBERT, the Belgium international, will make his Newcastle comeback in the Coca-Cola Cup second-round, second-leg tie against Bristol City at St James' Park tonight. Albert has not played a competitive match since he suffered a serious knee injury just before Christmas. Newcastle, 5-0 up from the first leg, will be without the injured Peter Beardsley and David Ginola.

Beardsley is already out of England's game with Norway next week and Kevin Keegan, the United manager, said that Ginola is "struggling" to play for France in their important European championship game with Romania.

Paul Brayson, the teenage striker, has earned a place on the bench for the first time in his career after scoring over 50 goals for the juniors and reserves last season.

Alan Smith, the Wycombe manager, is confident of adding to Alan Ball's misery at Maine Road. Smith's second division side has every chance of completing victory over Manchester City, who have lost their last seven Premiership games. City's best performance since their opening-day draw against Tottenham Hotspur was to return from the first leg at Wycombe with a goalless draw. "We are on an eight-match unbeaten run and looking forward to this," Smith said.

Millwall head for the North West, hoping that Uwe Fuchs, their Germany striker, can finally break his goal duck — and add to Everton's gloom at Goodison, where the two sides also start goalless. Everton have dropped David Unsworth, the centre back, and Earl Barrett is likely to switch to the middle.

Fuchs, scored nine goals in 15 games on loan at Middlesbrough last season but has not managed a single strike since his £750,000 summer switch from Kaiserslautern.

Tony Cottee, also searching for his first goal of the season, could win a recall as West Ham look to build on a single goal first-leg lead against Bristol Rovers. Julian Dicks, the defender, should also be back after missing the Premiership stalemate at Southampton on Monday, where Cottee was relegated to the bench. Rovers draft in their reserve striker, Mike Davis.

Mariners weather storm as Angels founder

By Keith Blackmore

THE Seattle Mariners completed one of the most remarkable recoveries in recent baseball history on Monday night when they beat the California Angels 9-1 in a one-game play-off to determine the championship of the American League West. Their prize, apart from the title, is another play-off, this time a best-of-five-game series against the New York Yankees, which began last night.

On August 23, the Angels had a 12-game lead over the Mariners and the divisional race — shortened by a players' strike from 162 games to 144 — seemed over. Instead, the Angels went into a swoon that will be remembered for years to come. Already it is being compared with the most infamous of modern collapses, that of the Boston Red Sox in 1978.

Then the Red Sox lost a 13½-game lead, only to win their last three games, forcing a one-game play-off with the New York Yankees, which they lost. The Angels followed much the same pattern, losing their lead on September 22 but then winning their last five games to force the first one-game play-off since 1980.

And all for nothing, defeat coming at the hands of Seattle's best pitcher, Randy Johnson. There was not even the consolation of one of the new wild-card places for best losers in the expanded play-off system. The Yankees won one more game than the Angels in the regular season.

The new play-off system, giving a wild-card place to the best runner-up in each of the American and National Leagues as well as to the winners of the three divisions in each, would have come into effect last year but for the strike.

Instead it began last night, with Seattle playing New York, and Boston taking on the runaway favourites for the American League championship, the Cleveland Indians. In the National League, the favourites, the Atlanta Braves, play the Colorado Rockies and the Cincinnati Reds play the Los Angeles Dodgers. The best-of-seven conference finals follow next week, with the World Series beginning at the home of the National League champions on October 21.

The post-season line-up ends two notable streaks of failure. The Indians, who won 100 of their 144 games and took their division with 30 games to spare, are returning to the play-offs for the first time in 41 years. The Yankees, the nearest thing to Manchester United in baseball, are making their first appearance since 1981.

Samoans look to Fatialofa for tour inspiration

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

PETER FATIALOFA, whose international rugby union career looked to be over at the 1995 World Cup, will make one more tour when Western Samoa visit Scotland and England in November. The veteran prop, captain of his country for four years, remains a talismanic figure and was named yesterday in a party of 30 under the leadership of Pat Lam.

The Samoans, threatened by the raids of rugby league and exclusion from the tripartite provincial tournament organised by the leading three southern-hemisphere countries, will bring 19 of their World Cup players on the 12-match tour which includes international matches against Scotland (November 18) and England (December 16).

They have lost such players as Mike Umaga and Shem Tatupu to league, and the need for experience assisted Fatialofa's cause. "He has given them a big boost with his play, his form is good and we do not have the luxury of a lot of experienced players," Bryan Williams, the Samoans' technical adviser, said.

There are eight newcomers, including Kaisa Tuigamala, a distant relative of Va'aiga Tuigamala, the former All Blacks wing now playing rugby league for Wigan.

Wales, whose A team to play the touring Fijians will be named today, will announce their third coach of the year tomorrow after the withdrawal from contention of Alex Evans, the Australian director of rugby for Cardiff. Evans had agreed to carry on until the match on November 18 between Wales and Fiji, but he requires a shoulder operation.

It is a situation which the Welsh Rugby Union has allowed to linger and which has clouded a bright start to the league season in Wales. The simple solution would be the elevation of Kevin Bowring, the former London Welsh captain who has been a successful coach of Wales A for a couple of seasons, though whoever takes the job must decide whether to replace two experienced players in the senior squad: both Mike Hall and Paul Arnold are out of contention through injury.

WESTERN SAMOA SQUAD: Backs: T Fa'amasino, A Autagavaia, V Pau, A Telea, G Harder, B Lima, G Leaupepe, T Vaega, S Leaega, K Tulgamala, C Burnias, D Kellett, J Pilioru, T Nu'uali'itia. Forwards: T Leiasamaivao, T Leota, P Fatialofa, G Lau, M Mika, B Reidy, M Birtwhistle, L Falemiko, P Leavasa, S Lemamea, S Valisia, D Mika, J Paramore, D Kaleopa, P Lam, S Kaleta.

ITINERARY: Nov 4: v Edinburgh (Inverleith). 12: v Scotland A (Hawick). 14: v Scottish North and Midlands (Perth). 18: v Scotland (Murrayfield). 21: v Oxford University. 25: v Cambridge University. 29: v London (Twickenham). Dec 2: v Midlands (Leicester). 5: v North (Huddersfield). 9: v South West (Gloucester). 12: v England A (Gateshead). 16: v England (Twickenham).

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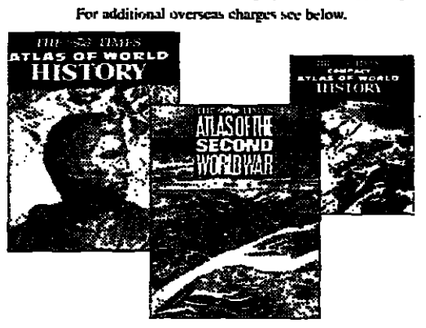

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Venables appeals for peace in Oslo

By Our Sports Staff

TERRY VENABLES joined the appeal to supporters to be on their best behaviour when they travel to Norway next week for a match the England coach admits he wishes he was not playing.

The only time Venables took the national side abroad the game ended in a riot and a national disaster as English "supporters" ripped apart Lansdowne Road in Dublin.

Now he reluctantly takes his team from Wembley again and warns the hooligans: "Your good behaviour is of the utmost importance for both football and the good name of the country. A lot of football supporters get a bad name but the majority are very well-behaved, they enjoy their football and supporting their team.

"It is the minority who give them a bad name and the English reputation in general for fair play and good behaviour."

With the European Championship finals in this country just eight months away, Venables is disappointed at having to abandon his 'fortress Wembley' schedule.

The Oslo trip is a reciprocal arrangement for the Norwegians' visit in May last year and he says: "I agreed to it because we were struggling for games, but from the beginning our job has been to try to get an advantage at home.

"We've got to be able to take the initiative at home and keep it.

"It won't happen in this game. We will be pressed a lot of the time and counter-attacking.

"So from that point of view I can't say I'm looking forward to it. You have to be positive though, and it will be a tough game so we will see what people are made of."

Venables, who has already used 38 players in 12 starts, may look at two more in Oslo, call-ups for Gareth Southgate and Steve Stone being a clear encouragement to others.

"When I first started I hoped that by the time we got to Euro 96 there would be hardly any automatic choices and that's what's happening," said Venables.

"It's always been difficult to pick an England side but there are so many players around now that it's even harder, and that's exactly what I want."

ENGLAND UNDER-21 PARTY (v Norway Under-21 on October 10, Stavanger): D Watson (Barnsley), M Oakes (Aston Villa), S Watson (Newcastle), D Gordon (Crystal Palace), P Neville (Man Utd), A Pearce (Blackburn), D Unsworth (Everton), S Campbell (Tottenham). C Bart-Williams (Notts Forest), J Pollock (Middlesbrough), D Beckham (Man Utd), Roberts (Crystal Palace), N Butt (Man Utd), N Shipperley (Southampton) T Sinclair (QPR), R Fowler (Liverpool)

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Buffalo 22 Cleveland 19.

BADMINTON

SALISBURY: International: England 4 China 1 (England names first) Singles: Men: D Hall bt S Quan 8-15, 17-16, 15-12. Women: A Humby bt Z He 3-11, 11-8, 11-5. Doubles: Merz J Anderson and I Pearson bt Xia Xuanze and Zhu Fang 15-8, 15-10. Women: E Chaffin and S Hardaker lost to Li Ming Chuan and Quan Hong 8-15 8-15. Mixed doubles: C Hunt and S Hardaker bt X Xuanze and Z Yunyi 15-7, 15-7. England take winning 4-1 lead in six-match series.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: West division title play-off: Seattle 9 California 1.

CRICKET

Third one-day international
Pakistan v Sri Lanka

RAWALPINDI (Sri Lanka won toss, reduced to 38 overs by rain): Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 49 runs.

PAKISTAN

Aamir Sohail st Kaluwitharana	26
Saleem Elahi c Kaluperage b Dharmasena	30
*Rameez Raja st Kaluwitharana	4
Inzamam-Ul-Haq c Jayasuriya b de Silva	25
Saeed Azad c Wickaramasinghe b de Silva	19
Aamer Hanif not out	36
†Moin Khan c Kaluwitharana b de Silva	0
Zafar Iqbal run out	13
Aaqib Javed c Gurusinha b Kalpage	11
Arshad Khan run out	2
Mohammed Akram not out	0
Extras: (lb 7, nb 4, w 6)	17
Total: (9 wkts)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-65, 3-80, 4-104, 5-134, 6-134, 7-156, 8-176, 9-180.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 5-0-11-0; Upashantha 5-0-36-0; Dharmasena 8-0-30-*3; Gurusinha 1-0-6-0; Kalpage 4-0-26-1;* Jayasuria 8-0-31-0; de Silva 7-0-36-3.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama b Zafar	23
S T Jayasuriya c Inzamamul b Aaqib	19
A P Gurusinha b Zafar Iqbal	10
A P de Silva lbw Hafeez	32
*A Ranatunga lbw Hafeez	42
†R Kaluwitharana c Azad b Hafeez	12
H P Tillekeratne not out	13
R Kalpage not out	10
Extras (lb 12, w 11)	23
Total (8 wkts, 37.4 overs)	184

H D P K Dharmasena, G P Wickremasinghe, E Upashantha did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-60, 3-63, 4-138, 5-151, 6-165

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 8-0-38-0; Aaqib Javed 7.4-0-28-1; Arshad Khan 7-1-26-0; Aamir Sohail 1-0-7-0; Amir Haneef 6-0-38-0; Zafar Iqbal 8-0-37-2

Sri Lanka win series 2-1.

Umpires: S Khan and I Khan

Match referee: P Van Der Merwe (SA)

FOOTBALL

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Lok Altmark Stendal 2 Waldhof Mannheim 2 (aet, 2-2 after 90min; Stendal win 5-4 on pens); Hamburg 2 1860 Munich 1, Nuremberg 3 Werder Bremen 2.

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Southampton 0 West Ham United 0.

SPALDING CHALLENGE CUP: First round, second leg: Hednesford 2 Kidderminster 0 (Kidderminster win 4-3 on agg).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 2 Guiseley 2.

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Croydon 4 Chalfont St Peter 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 4 Portsmouth 1; Chelsea 3 Tottenham 1; Millwall 1 Swindon 1. League Cup: Torquay 4 Bournemouth 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 3 Oldham 3; Liverpool 2 Wolverhampton 0; Sheffield Utd 1 Birmingham City 2. Second division: Leicester 1 Rotherham 1; Mansfield 2 Burnley 2.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: second replay: Welling 1 Bromley 2.

GOLF

PING WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS (GB and Ire unless stated), 1, L Davies 357.99pt; 2, A Sorenstam (Swe) 235.80; 3, B Daniel (US) 220.11; 4, L Neumann (Swe) 199.86; 5, D Mochrie (US) 189.85; 6, K Robbins (US) 166.66; 7, B King (US) 166.37; 8, M Mallon (US) 139.02; 9, H Alfredsson (Swe) 126.94; 10, M McGann (US) 126.71.

CHESHIRE: Golf Foundation team championship for schools: Regional qualifying round: 228: Beforehead College (R Carroll 72, S Kerr 71, D Fraser 85), 222: Carmel College (R Hall 73, D Morgan 80, W Lunt 79). 235: Ashton-Under-Lyme College (G Thickett 80, S Lees 75, S Carrie 80).

HOCKEY

HA Cup: First round: Amersham v Fareham; Basingstoke v Middleton; Belvedere v Bradfield College; Bishop Stortford v Letchworth; Bloxwich v North Notts; *Bowdon v Swalwell; Brentwood v Chelmsford;* Cambridge City v Clacton; Chesterfield v Yardley; Coalville v Hampton; Colchester v Pelicans; Dereham v Spalding; Didsbury Northern v Formby; Glaxo v Ben Rhydding; Gore Court v Staines; Guernsey v West Gloucestershire; Halifax v Blackburn; Harborne v Worcester Norton; Headington v Old Malvernians; Lansdown v Weston-Super-Mare; Leicester Thursday v Nottingham; Leominster v Sidmouth; Lewes v Exeter; Lions v Ramgarhia (Middx); Liverpool Sefton v Harrogate; Long Sutton v Welwyn Garden City; Luton Town v Hereford; Mansfield v Wednesbury; Marlow v Andover; Mid Sussex v Chichester; Neston v Southport; Northampton Saints v Khalsa; Norton v Stockton; Old Edwardians v Ashford (Middx); Old Halesonians v Belper; Old Kingstonians v Sunbury; Old Westminsters v Wimbledon; Oxford Hawks v Old Wellingtonians; Penzance v Bournemouth; R.E.M.E v Maidenhead; Redbridge and Ilford v Peterborough; Robinsons v West Wilts; Sheffield Bakers v RAF Eagles; Sudbury v Ipswich; Tulse Hill v Barnes; Tunbridge Wells v Maidstone; US Plymouth v Plymouth; Wakefield v Barnsley (t.o.h); Wallington v Blackheath; Warrington v Chester; Warwick v Shrewsbury; Westbury and UB v Bath Buccaneers; Winchester v High Wycombe; Woking v Sevenoaks; Wokingham v Walton Hawks; York v Timperley.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: London Scottish championship: Ouseley Trophy (Queen's II): C Leathe 104.11pts; Michie Cup (Queen's II): A Henderson 148.19. Long range aggregates: R Hebblethwaite 137.14. Short range: A Hunter 291.30. Club championship: Hunter 386.38, Horton-Smith Pairs: J Sweet and T Ward.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Classic: First round: S Hendry (Scot) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 5-4; J Higgins (Scot) bt A McManus (Scot) 5-4. Second round: J Swail (N Ire) bt J White (Eng) 5-3; T Griffiths (Wales) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-0.

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons (London) 2 Jim Hall Sports Northern (Manchester) 1 (Cannons names first): P Marshall lost to J Nicolle 6-15, 8-15, 6-15; P Nicol bt D Ryan 15-13, 15-3, 15-12; S Parke bt N Taylor 11-15, 15-12, 15-7, 11-15, 15-6. Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield (Surrey) 1 Ogmore Valley Dragons (South Wales) 2 (Lingfield names first): S Meads lost to M Cairns 7-15, 10-15, 15-11, 7-15; A Kirkland bt P Gregory 15-11, 15-11, 5-15, 15-10; T Gemar lost to C van der Walt 15-7, 8-15, 1-15, 15-7, 6-15.

TABLE TENNIS

WORLD RANKINGS (China unless stated): Men: 1, Wang Tao; 2, Kong Ling Hui; 3, J-M Saive (Bel); 4, Kim Taek-Soo (Kor); 5, J-O Waldner (Swe); 6, J Rosskopf (Ger); 7, J-P Gatien (Fr); 8, Liu Guoliang; 9, Z Primorac (Cro); 10, Ding Song. Women: 1, Deng Yaping; 2, Qiao Hong; 3, Liu Wei; 4, Chai Po Wa (HK); 5, Gong Ligan (Can); 6, Wang Chen; 7, Chan Ling (Taiwan); 8, Wang Nan; 9, C Koyama (Japan); 10, Chen Zihe.

TENNIS

ZURICH: European indoors women's tournament: First round: P Schnyder (Swit) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; L Raymond (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-1, 6-7, 6-1.

TOULOUSE: Men's indoor tournament: First round: S Pescosolido (It) bt O Prinosil (Ger) 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; J Palmer (US) bt J Frana (Arg) 7-6, 7-6, J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Goldwerd (Fr) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; C Pioline (Fr) bt G Raoux (Fr) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; N Escude (Fr) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; D Vacek (Cz) bt L Roux (Fr) 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; R Gilbert (Fr) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt G Ruaidski (GB) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; R Raneberg (US) bt C N'Goran (Ivory Coast) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; F Santoro (Fr) bt L Barthez (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; F de Wulf (Bel) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-2, 6-2.

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: First round: G Pozzi (It) bt A Chang (Can) 6-4, 6-4; L Rehmann (Ger) bt A Moroz (Ger) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt N Bruno (It) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt J Morgan (Aus) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: K L E A Leeds 3 Manchester Utd Salford 2; London Malory 3 Loughborough 1; Aencombe Guildford Spectrum 0 Britannia Music City 3; Birmingham 3 Wessex 1; Orpington 1 Sheffield Wednesday 3.

Swail starts recovery right on cue

From Phil Yates in Bangkok

JOE SWAIL, who relinquished his place in snooker's top 16 last season after suffering repeated cue problems, returned to form as he defeated Jimmy White 5-3 in the last 16 of the Thailand Classic here yesterday.

Swail cued delightfully, despite the fact that he has been using his present cue, a one-piece ash model bought in Leeds, for only seven weeks. "It was the last option open to me," he said. "I had to force myself to get used to the cue. It was time to stop chopping and changing."

White, without a ranking tournament title since the 1992 United Kingdom championship, has struggled of late, but this result was a consequence of Swail's accurate potting rather than White's deficiencies.

Breaks of 56, 42, 65 and 85 earned Swail, the world No 19, a 3-1 lead but White levelled at 3-3 and led 52-34 in the seventh frame when he missed the last red. Swail potted it down the side cushion to initiate a clearance to the black for a 4-3 lead.

Swail, beaten in his three previous meetings with White, duly booked a place in the quarter-finals with a 60 break in the next frame. He now meets Nigel Bond, who whitewashed Steve Davis in the second round on Monday.

Terry Griffiths, at 47 easily the oldest competitor in the field, restricted his fellow Welshman, Darren Morgan, to an aggregate of only 55 points in the opening four frames before he completed a 5-0 victory. Griffiths now meets Stephen Hendry.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

GRAHAM MORRIS

Botham: bowler who was born lucky

Good luck to those possessing the most precious commodity in sport

ANDREW LONGMORE

Midweek View

The fourth morning of the Oval Test match, the West Indies lost for not many wickets. Richie Richardson, for once, is in full flow and Dominic Cork on for his second over of the morning. What happens next, when Cork bowls a gentle short ball outside the West Indies captain's off stump? In multi-choice answers to that question, there would be few marks for ticking (a) retrieve ball from boundary fence. Only the truly optimistic or the truly blessed would venture (b) watch gully take a brilliant left-handed catch and celebrate wildly as if this was part of a master-plan.

Full marks for those answering (b). Richardson, eyes wide with delight, launched into his trademark shot only to see Graeme Hick take the catch. Richardson c Hick b Cork 93. A beautiful away-swinger forcing the edge? A canny piece of foreplay inducing a cramped cut? A wicked short ball fended off the throat? The bare facts of the scorebook allow the imagination full rein.

Really, it should reveal the truth. Bad ball, good shot, lucky boy. If there was one true comparison with Ian Botham — as opposed to the wishful thinking of "the next Botham" — that wicket bore it out. Cork, like Botham, is a lucky bowler, inexplicably capable of luring good batsmen into schoolboy blunders.

It is an impossible question to answer, but has anyone earned more wickets with bad balls than Botham? I think not. And it is not just the perfectly decent ploy of bowling two overs of good balls and then slipping in a bad one on purpose to make the batsman think. These are balls the bowler would want to retract if he had the chance, cringingly awful balls that would be laughed out of sight on the village green. But lucky bowlers take good wickets with them.

Luck is the most precious commodity in sport. It is also the most dangerous, because sportsmen cannot control it. The shibboleth is that luck evens itself out in the end. Snooker players have to think that way because they would go demented sitting there for hour after hour, waiting for the balls to run their way. Golfers, too, with time to reflect between shots, have to adopt the philosophical approach or risk eternal damnation.

Gary Player's conviction that there was no such thing as luck was encapsulated in the phrase: "The more I practise, the luckier I get." But try telling that to a relegation-threatened football manager.

In the United States, the notion of luck is viewed differently. The golf courses there are designed, like the tennis courts, to wring every ounce of luck out of the game. No bad bounces on those wide-open, picture-postcard fairways; what you hit is what you get. That is one reason why some Americans — not the majority, thankfully — cannot cope with a course like St Andrews, where the rules of cause and effect are not so clear-cut. Good shots can end in bad places and vice versa. The trick is to forget about it and wait for the next lucky bounce.

Ivan Lendl never found the knack and so could not master fully the art of grass-court tennis. He loved hard courts, where the bounce was even, and his well-ordered mind was short-circuited by the unprogrammable. Net-cords he would glower at, but accept. Grass, with its patchy bounce and varied pace, annoyed the hell out of him. So he never won Wimbledon.

Luck is attributed strange and powerful properties in some sports, given form and reason way beyond the truth. Football managers will swear blind that bad luck follows the down-and-outs, badgers the life out of a team short of confidence and therefore induces further neuroses. The dodgy penalty, the shot against the bar, the incompetent referee: the breaks never go the way of those who need them most. "Why pick on me when they have luck to spare?" A convenient excuse, of course. When your team is winning, nobody remembers the bad luck, so it is not there. Only in defeat does bad luck assume heroic proportions.

Sometimes, luck is not luck at all. Botham's luck became self-propelling in the end, a product of the man and therefore rational. Botham scrambled minds and made batsmen do daft things through force of character and reputation. Cork, glory be, seems to have the same powers. Do not let anyone tell him that luck evens itself out in the end. It is poppycock. On Sunday, 67 seconds into his return, Cantona is allowed time and space to drive in a low cross. It is aimed for Cole, but reaches Butt, who scores. Some people are just born lucky.

BOB COLLIER

Cantona: blessed by good fortune

Earthquake fails to halt Towers cup tie

By Nicholas Harling

THE aftermath of the earthquake in western Turkey that killed at least 52 people on Sunday is not expected to prevent London Towers from playing the second leg of their Korac Cup second-round tie against Tofas Spor Kulubu tonight.

Kulubu's home is at Bursa, about 300 miles from the epicentre of the earthquake in Dinar. "We checked with the Turkish consulate and Turkish airline and there was no problem," Barry Marshall, the club's owner, said.

With no aftershocks expected to reach Bursa, the main worry for Kevin Cadle, the Towers coach, revolves around his team's capacity for holding onto their nine-point lead and not succumbing to the intimidation of either their hosts or the crowd. "You can be certain that the crowd will be boisterous," he said.

No visiting player promises to respond more than Danny Lewis, Towers' American guard, who is no stranger to hostile crowds after playing in the Mexican league two years ago. "The bigger and noisier they are, the better I play," he said.

Their two England internationals, Steve Bucknall and Joel Moore, both returned from injury on Sunday when they helped the club go top of the Budweiser League with a 91-77 victory over the Leopards.

Sheffield Sharks have less realistic hopes of progress when they complete their European championship tie against Real Madrid in Spain tomorrow. The Sharks resume ten points down against the European champions.

Northern provide Cannons' fodder

By Colin McQuillan

THE Super Squash League (SSL) season began this week with Cannons Club, of London, the champions, securing a 2-1 victory over Jim Hall Sports Northern, the Manchester club, and Ogmore Valley Dragons beating Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield by the same margin.

Although the SSL boasts the more impressive international players among its squads the reorganised SRA (Squash Rackets Association) National League, that forms the apex of England's 50,000-player league structure, again looks set to steal spectator interest for the coming season.

Under the increasingly player-orientated regime established within the SRA under the presidency of the former world No 1 and British Open champion, Jonah Barrington, each team in the first division of the National League must, for the first time, include a woman and allow women to compete at any other level in the playing order.

National League competition begins in the North on Tuesday, October 17, and in the South on Thursday, October 19, in an intense programme leading up to inter-zone play-offs next March.

The British women's champion, Fiona Geaves, has signed for Sigma Strings, the Swansea side that also includes Chris Robertson, the Australian former world No 2, who is now national coach to Wales, while Suzanne Horner, the world No 4, will play for Reebok Nottingham. Cassandra Jackman has signed for Keyline Barnham Broom, from Norfolk.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

Coca-Cola Cup
Second round, second leg
Blackburn (3) v Swindon (2) (7.45)
Chelsea (0) v Stoke (0) (7.45)
* Chester (0) v Tottenham (4)
Derby (3) v Shrewsbury (1) (7.45)
Everton (0) v Millwall (0) (7.45)
Hull (0) v Coventry (2)
Man City (0) v Wycombe (0) (7.45)
Newcastle (5) v Bristol City (0) (7.45)
Notts Forest (2) v Bradford (3) (7.45)
Oldham (0) v Tranmere (1) (7.45)
Sheff Wed (2) v Crewe (2) (7.45)
Southampton (3) v Cardiff (0)
Sunderland (0) v Liverpool (2) (7.45)
Torquay (1) v Norwich (5) (7.45)
West Ham (1) v Bristol Rovers (0) (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Falkirk v Celtic
Hearts v Aberdeen
Partick v Kilmarnock
Raith v Hibernian

Scottish League Challenge Cup
Semi-finals
Dunfermline v Dundee Utd
Stirling v Stenhousemuir

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Corby v Rothwell, Fareham v Fleet T, Newport Alc v Merthyr Tydfil or Cinderford, Salisbury v Poole; Sittingbourne v Margate VS Rugby v Nuneaton; Waterlooville v Newport IOW.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Blyth Spartans; Witton v Chorley. First division: Alfreton v Curzon Ashton
ICIS LEAGUE: Third division: Lewes v Camberley.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Aston Villa v Barnsley (7.0), Blackpool v Huddersfield (7.0); Middlesbrough v Manchester City (7.0), Grimsby v Port Vale (7.0)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Brighton; Luton v Bristol City, Norwich v West Ham; Oxford Utd v Crystal Palace; Wimbledon v Charlton (2.0). Cup: Birmingham Res v Newport Res (7.0); Cardiff v Cheltenham.
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Group one: Caernarfon v Cemaes Bay (7.45). Group three: Llansantffraid v Aberystwyth. Group four: Llanelli v Barry. Group five: Ton Pentre v Cwmbran
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Town v Shillington, Buckingham Athletic v Biggleswade.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Durham; Peterlee v Guisborough; Whickham v Shildon.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division Cup: First round: Romford v Ford United.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brockenhurst v Bournemouth; Christchurch v Lymington, Cowes Sports v Swanage and Herston; Downton v Gosport, East Cowes v Thatcham; Petersfield v Whitchurch.
UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Whitehawk v Lancing.
FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second round qualifying replay: Keynsham v Porthleven.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Northampton Spencer v Wellingborough.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Holtem v Bdgg. Presidents Cup: Harrogate v Glasshoughton; Sheffield v Denaby; Worsbrough Bridge v Rossington Main.
FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Bray v Shelbourne (8.0).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English schools Fuji Film Trophy: First round replay: Mid Oxon v Gosport (at Witney Town). Inter-county under-18: West Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire (at Roseheart FC 7.0).

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Representative match
Surrey v Sussex
(at Imber Court)
Tipp-ex County championship
Norfolk v Essex
(at Norwich)
Suffolk v Cambridgeshire
(at Bury St Edmunds)
Heineken League
First division
Bridgend v Cardiff (7.15)
Club matches
Abertillery v Tredegar (7.0)
Harlequins v Brunel Univ
Llanharan v Newbridge (7.0)
Maesteg v Maesteg Celtic (7.15)
Newcastle Gosforth v Ashington
Rosslyn Park v Oxford Univ
West Hartlepool v Durham City

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Konica Cup: Second round, second leg: Bursa (Tur) (74) v London Towers (69) (8.0).
GOLF: Women's home internationals (Wrexham).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30): Hull v Wolverhampton; Poole v Eastbourne.
TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham).

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Putting two and two together made bimbo at Birmingham City

Figures now add up for second city's first lady

Andrew Longmore meets the woman who swept prejudice out of the football boardrooms

According to the lady herself, there are really two Karren Bradys. One is the Karren Brady of popular legend, managing director of Birmingham City Football Club, tamer of toughs, purveyor of industrial language, the troubleshooting Annie Oakley of St Andrew's. The other is Mrs Karren Peschisolido, wife of Paul, the Stoke City and former Birmingham City centre forward, convent-educated Catholic, well-spoken churchgoer and all-round gentle human being.

Any resemblance between the two is purely coincidental. That is what her husband says, anyway. He was once hauled up before Brady on a disciplinary charge, before they were married and he was transferred, and was terrified by the ordeal.

In London to publicise her book, ******Brady Plays The Blues*, Brady is dressed in a guardsman's tunic, gold braid round the neck, sensible skirt. The only sign of brass is on the buttons. Her famed temper has been left in the Midlands. She is 26, open, bright, honest, smart, demure even, and sitting on her own in the boardroom of her publishers; difficult to square with the combative, streetwise self-portrayal of the book. She actually looks quite vulnerable. Big mistake. It has taken football two years and a lengthy casualty list to learn that patronising Ms Brady is not a profitable occupation.

By her own calculations, she is the most hated figure at City, the scheming Lady Macbeth to the jovial Falstaff of the manager, Barry Fry. "Her Upstairs", as she says. She laughs at the memory of one player who, on being told at the end of a browbeating not to step out of line again, replied: "Yes, miss." "It is like being a headmistress at times," she said. "Any sign of trouble, any disciplinary or financial problem, that's down to me. I'm the one who fines them and I'm the one who tells them to p*** off when they want new contracts. Nobody likes that, but it's my job."

She accepts the typecasting with a shrug. Only when the most recent signing promises her that he will take them straight into the Premiership, no bother, is there a flicker of cynicism, and even then only because she has heard it before from every one of the 45 players on City's extended payroll. Otherwise, apart from the odd word pilfered from Fry's earthy vocabulary (or was it the sixth form at Aldenham School?), Brady has emerged from her two-year crash course in the dreary side of football with upmarket edges still smooth and tomboy spirit undimmed.

In her first, desperate, year at St Andrew's, the club was dragged out of its quill-pen accounting — players had to queue up the stairs every week to get their wages, and one player was being paid when he was no longer on the books — into the first trading profit in its 118-year history. Gates have risen from an average of 6,500 to 17,500, commercial revenue has increased by 150 per cent. So much for women being banned from the boardroom (Notts County), accused of showing a bit of leg to influence a transfer tribunal (*Southend United*), or consigned to the "disco, the boutique or the kitchen" (Ron Atkinson).

> 'The only sign of brass was on her buttons'

Now, she has been invited onto the commercial committee of the Football League, a sure sign that the novelty value of the headlining "Man-Hungry Soccer Boss" is beginning to wear off. The tabloids were transfixed by Brady's business apprenticeship at David Sullivan's soft-porn Sport newspapers, put two and two together and made bimbo. The four A levels were a better clue.

"I feel now I can walk into any boardroom in the country and be accepted without a problem," she said. "I'm Karren Brady, MD of Birmingham City, not Karren Brady, woman in a man's world. To be honest, I've not found football particularly male chauvinist. The hardest thing is that people are not very progressive and it frightens them if someone is. They're more surprised if they are female, and being young and a woman is a double problem. You don't get taken seriously, so you have to be more professional all the time." Particularly if you commit the cardinal sin of dating the centre forward, thereby justifying every whispered prejudice.

In an uncharacteristic moment of naivety, Brady thought that nobody outside Birmingham would really care about her relationship with Peschisolido. "We never hid it," she said. "The players knew, the directors knew, the manager knew. We didn't think the rest of the world would worry too much." The reaction of Sullivan was telling. "At least it's not an Aston Villa player," he said. But Peschisolido was seen as trouble by his team-mates and sold up the motorway. "Things weren't going too well with Barry at the time," Brady said. "Now it's better, he's trying to buy him back." Except that, under the terms of the transfer, every one of his goals means money in the Blues' bank.

Brady's stormy relationship with Fry is one of the central themes of the book. For a year, the pair loathed each other. "Lippy London lass" (publicity description) v Lippier London lad. There was a sit-com edge to the mutual mistrust; like the chaotic Fry, there in the room, urging one of his new players not to accept the terms Brady was offering. "Nah, ask for more. You can't live on that." Brady was furious.

"He hasn't done that again," Brady said, rolling her eyes. "I used to get really angry, dreadfully, horribly angry. It was a lethal combination of my ignorance and Barry's lack of openness." Sounds like football, I said. "But it's not business. I know now when he says 'yes' he means 'no'. But I couldn't understand why he was not logical. I mean, I would send him memos and expect him to read them. I've given up trying to organise him now. I just wish I'd never tried. It would have saved a whole year of animosity."

Things are better this season. Fry feels loved and the Blues are surviving in the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League. Brady has calmed down a little, too. She found out a very hard way, through the unexplained loss of her baby last May, three months into pregnancy, that she was not as tough as she thought she was, and that life is not always a game.

Yet "Her Upstairs" has survived, brown eyes firmly set on the Premiership. She loves football, loves success more. The publishers wanted to call her book *Second City Blues*. Brady thought that the title sounded second-class, and she would not tolerate that. Nor would Mrs Peschisolido, for that matter.

☐ *Brady Plays The Blues*, published by Pavilion Books on October 12, price £14.99.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Brady has brought success and style to the directors' box at St Andrew's. She also married the club's former striker

Olympic hope for leading ice hockey players

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE Olympic profile of ice hockey is about to be raised thanks to an agreement reached between the National Hockey League (NHL) and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) which will enable NHL players to take part in the Winter Olympics in Nagano in 1998.

The appearance of the United States basketball "Dream Team" at the 1992 Olympic Games provided the inspiration. It is hoped that public awareness of ice hockey in general and the NHL in particular will be enhanced in the same way that so many people were made aware of the National Basketball Association after Barcelona.

There are two significant differences, however. Both basketball and ice hockey are winter sports but, while basketball is in the summer Olympics, ice hockey is in the Winter Olympics and this will mean some disruption to the NHL season.

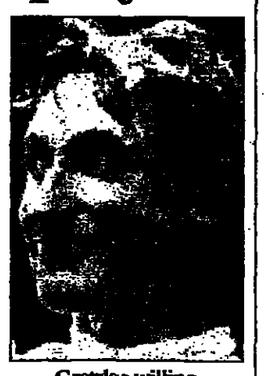
In addition, the basketball players were all American, which made the tournament one-sided. The cosmopolitan nature of the NHL means that several countries will benefit and, for this reason, the main concession on the part of the IIHF and the Olympic authorities is a change in the format of the competition.

Six countries — Canada, the United States, Sweden, Russia, Finland and the Czech Republic — will be seeded, and the remaining eight will compete for two places in the later stages of the competition. For its part, the NHL has agreed to close down its competition for 16 days to free the players.

For many years, it has been felt that neither the Olympics nor the world championships has been truly representative in ice hockey because of the unavailability of so many leading players of various nationalities.

How many of them will be prepared to go to Japan remains to be seen, but Wayne Gretzky, arguably the best player the sport has known, has said that he would love to play in the Games. He will be 34 in 1998, but there can be no doubt that if he wants to play, Canada will select him.

It is many years since the NHL has had nationwide exposure on one of the major television networks in the United States and the league is hoping that this will follow Olympic coverage.



Gretzky: willing

Champion punishes Henman

JACCO ELTINGH, of Holland, the defending champion, brushed aside Tim Henman, of Britain, to reach the second round of the Salem Open tennis tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The Dutchman, recovering from injuries which have hampered his season, is aiming to achieve a rare tournament double after winning the singles and doubles last year.

"I had fluid in both knees and the tendons had been chronically inflamed for five months," he said. "But I'm finally in shape now."

Seeded No 3 and ranked No 28 in the world, his powerful service set him up against Henman, the world No 142. Eltingh needed 65 minutes to win 6-3, 6-4.

Other winners were Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, Gianluca Pozzi, of Italy, and the Russia Davis Cup doubles player, Andrei Olhovskiy. Philippoussis won an all-Australian match against Jamie Morgan and Pozzi became the third Italian to reach the last 16.

☐ Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, who reached the semi-finals of the Swiss indoor tournament in Basle last week, has risen to No 38 in the world rankings, his highest position.

The Canadian-born player also achieved the highest place by any British player on the ATP rankings since Buster Mottram and John Lloyd were in the top 25 more than 20 years ago.

WORD-WATCHING

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BIRL

(b) To twirl around rapidly, as in Scottish country dancing or by lumberjacks revolving a log in the water in Canada. We have all seen the latter done in films and on television. I witnessed the former performed so vigorously after dinner in the Black Watch officers' mess in Berlin that a visiting Argyll and Sutherland major was birled through a first-floor (closed) plate-glass window, with hideous stained glass insert, onto the parade ground — surprisingly without terminal damage.

KALOPSIA

(b) The state in which things appear more beautiful than they actually are, presumably love. From the Greek *kalos* beautiful + *opsia* sight. "To assert that Frances is the most desirable woman in the office is just about persuasive, even allowing for kalopsia. But it is not saying a lot."

CORUSCATE

(a) To sparkle, glitter, flash, glitter, twinkle, twinkle, little star. From the Latin *coruscāre*. Taylor: "He might have illuminated his times with the incessant coruscations of his genius."

RECREMENT

(c) A bodily secretion that is reabsorbed. The obvious example, indeed the only one necessary to be known by those who shrink from such bodily juices, is saliva. So rather than speak of a plate of chunky chips with red relish or a pretty girl as making your mouth water, you could have a go at saying that you are experiencing an increment in your recrement.

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Defeat of China lifts prospects

BY RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND have hopes of building their best badminton squad for a decade after beating China in a series for the first time. The 4-1 winning lead acquired at Salisbury on Monday, which made the result of last night's final international in Maidenhead academic, was completed with the use of ten young and promising players through the tour as well as a handful of established ones.

Their efforts showed that Britain might be able to challenge for their first Olympic badminton medal in women's and mixed doubles at Atlanta next year, and possibly in men's doubles as well.

It also suggested that there may be a halt to England's international decline by the time the manager, Ciro Ciniglio, hands over next year to Steve Baddeley, the former European and Commonwealth champion, who will be returning home after a four-year absence.

"This may not have been the best China side, but they never bring a bad one and I am very proud of the achievements of our youngsters over the past few days," Ciniglio said. "I like to think I'm going out on a high."

China won the world team title four months ago thanks largely to the efforts of Sun Jun, who is only two years out of junior ranks. The Chinese squad, which flies home today, is mostly made up of juniors, some of whom should also shortly be world-class competitors. Beating them was not just a statistical record, it represented tangible technical progress.

Many of the present England squad have had more and better coaching than their predecessors, partly due to a 40 per cent increase in funding over that available to the Barcelona hopefuls four years ago.

This enabled Andy Goode, the British Olympic manager, to give greater assistance to many of the better England players, leaving Ciniglio free to concentrate a greater proportion of his funds upon the youngsters.

None of them is quite yet a potential world champion. But it is a bigger pool of talent than England has had before.

A century of exploration

20/20: A View of the Century. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

It has now become very clear that John Tusa's policy as presenter of this splendid series about the 20th century is not to sit on a fence while others say their piece. He is, in any case, far too well informed a journalist to do that. In his fourth documentary, which is about scientific, medical, astronomical and geographical exploration, he makes the point that every challege overcome is a launching pad for the next assault. It is instructive to consider how well this view slots into that of the American contributor who concludes that the 20th century has been an age of negative discovery because there has been a great increase in our discovery of ignorance.

Still Lives. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Do not expect any dramatic disclosures in Harry Thompson's telling of the true story of Eileen Mills and the house in southwest London in which she was born 68 years ago and in which she still lives. The only deprivation she can remember in childhood — she calls it Freudian, but it isn't really — was being refused a teddy bear. She has since made up for that by having two teddies in her bed, a stuffed duck, and her husband. The Mills's pleasures are of the simple variety. They read the William books to each other in the evening and combine in singing the hymns of Charles Wesley. In sharp contrast, Eileen regales us with a rousing chorus from a saucy music-hall song, *Show Me Your Yo-Yo Tonight*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 4.40 *Judge Dredd*; and at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Best Bits from Last Week's Radio 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 The Young Tradition Semi-Finals 8.30 The Pam Ayres Radio Show 9.00 Alex Pascall's Caribbean Folk Music 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine incl at 10.35 Euronews; and at 11.00 News; Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck; and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Fiasco on Five, incl at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 spor 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Megamix 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Discovery 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Stories in Verse 9.45 The Great Lovers 10.00 News in German 10.15 Andy Kershaw 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Composer of the Month 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News in German 4.15 The Greenfield Collection 5.00 News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 News in German 6.00 Europe Today 6.30 Business 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Masterclass 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.10am Pop Short 12.15 Sport 12.45 From Our Own Correspondent 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Great Lovers 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 News 2.10 Press 2.15 New Ideas 2.25 Just a Taste 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Sport 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Assignment

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata: Mozart 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Learning through Life: East meets West 6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Chopin (Berceuse in D flat, Op 57); Byrd (Te Deum, Great Service); 7.32 *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No.7 in D); 8.05 Janáček (Prelude: From the House of the Dead); Strauss (Das Rosenband, Op.36 No 1; Ich trage meine Minne, Op 32 No 1); Sibelius (Nightride and Sunrise, Op 55)
9.00 Composer of the Week: J. S. Bach in Leipzig. Cantata No 205, Der zufriedengestellte Aeolus, excerpts; Cantata No 207a, Auf schmetternde Töne, excerpts; Cantata No 212, Mer hahn en neue Oberkeet, Peasant Cantata (r)
10.00 Musical Encounters: *Artist of the Week*: Virginia Black, harmonium. Dvořák (Bagatelles); 10.15 Nicolai, arr Liszt (Overture on Ein feste Burg); Elgar, arr Blake (Sonata in E minor, Op 82); Bach (French Suite No 6 in E); Pärt (Fratres for strings and percussion); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5 in D, Reformation)
12.00 Music Restored: Sweet Violet, Music for viola d'amore one of the most delicate string instruments of the Baroque period (r)
12.55pm The Afternoon on Three, with Susan Sharpe
1.00 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Handel (Suite in A); Rameau (Two Minuets; Les Sauvages; L'Enharmonique; L'Egyptienne); Gavin Bryars (After Handel's Vesper); Bach (Partita No 2 in C minor)
2.00 Schools: Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice: Harty (Fantasy in Ireland); Jerré Tanner (Soft Wind, Boy with Goldfish); Schubert (Fantasy in F minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Salisbury Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine: The Dufay Collective take Tommy Pearson on a tour of medieval instruments
5.15 In Tune: Gramophone Awards 1995; 6.10 The winner of Record of the Year live in the studio; 7.00 Hugh Canning and James Jolly discuss this year's awards
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis; John Lill, piano. Live from the Festival Hall, London. Bartók (Suite: The Miraculous Mandarin); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 3); 8.20 Italian Encounters. The Police; 8.40 Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)
9.30 Young Irish: The American novelist Mark Richard talks to Anne Enright in her native Dublin
9.55 The Fibonacci Sequence: Strauss, arr Hasenohrl (Till Eulenspiegel einmal anders!); Dohnanyi (Sextet in C, Op 37)
10.45 Night Waves: Germaine Greer discusses her latest controversial book, *Slip-Shod Sibyls*, with Lisa Jardine
11.30-12.30am Voices: Wolf's *Goethe Songs*. Juanita Lascarro, soprano; William Dazeley, baritone; Roger Vignoles, piano. Presented by Iain Burnside
1.00-2.00 Night School: Verseplay

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl news on the half-hour 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Scottish Journeys, by Andrew Eames (r) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00-10.30 News; Still Lives (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Holy Land Pilgrimage of Worship (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Rose Campbell reports on the relationship between portrait artist and sitter
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Eric Robson's panel of experts take questions from members of the Avery Hill Gardens Society in southeast London (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Moving: Cracks. Neil McKay's comedy drama series taps into the British obsession with homes (1/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Playing with Dracula, by Nick Fisher (r)
2.45 Treasure Islands: What's Katy Reading? Judy Simons and Jill Eckersley contrast today's romantic fiction with classic titles written for girls at the turn of the century
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Gambaccini reviews the latest Disney blockbuster *Pocahontas* and Spike Lee's *Clockers*
4.45 Short Story: Skin (First Bite), by Tobias Hill
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe at the Labour Party conference in Brighton and Nigel Wrench in London 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: The North v London (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts
7.45 20/20: A View of the Century. See Choice
8.30 Great Escapes: Behind Closed Doors. Robert Kee narrates the last in the series of reconstructions of extraordinary real-life escapes
9.00 The Square on the Pythagoras: Ben Silburn takes an irreverent look at the history of maths (1/4)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Mist in the Mirror, by Susan Hill. Read by Gareth Armstrong (3/5)
11.00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Complete Life and Works of William Shakespeare by Desmond Olivier Dingle, with guest John Barrowman (5/5)
11.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? Comedy drama series about three thirtysomethings (2/6) (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.27 Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Information, by Martin Amis. Read by William Nighy (3/15)
1.00 As World Service (LW only)

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Brainwaves, boredom and barbershops

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Last night David Jessell introduced us to the Theta wave and nothing will ever look the same again. The programme was **A Mind to Crime** (Channel 4 — with second film and debate on Thursday), and the theory is that criminal behaviour derives from an easily diagnosed abnormality of the brain. Simply, the frontal cortex of criminal types is understimulated — their Theta waves are "sluggish" — and since this is the area of the brain controlling analysis and emotion, such people shoot first and then don't ask questions at all. While nobody believes in phrenology any more, it is perhaps worth pointing out that 100 years ago anybody with a *quaint old chart of the human head* could have told you precisely this.

How many programmes have we seen about psychologists wrestling with the social factors in the criminal make-up, ignoring that all-important cortex thing? Two or three Sundays ago, BBC1's *Everyman* showed an extraordinary film by Paul Berriff about armed robbers, in which professional *villains sat in circles and talked* frankly about their complete lack of consideration for the people whose lives they ruined. The robbers shared a skewed, selfish view of the world — which do-gooder psychologists were busy trying to skew the other way. Under very gentle questioning about his personal life, one particular man would squirm in mental discomfort and then (always) walk out. You could almost hear the unused bits of his brain squeak and scuttle into the dark as the light was shone inside. Now we know it was his Theta waves making the noise.

Does this evidence mean we are stuck with the problem? Well, no. Here is the good news. Experiments in America involving medication and mental exercise have taken overactive, destructive children and steadily instilled in their brains a package of fear, guilt and conscience. "Take your human *being pills, dear," their mothers* ought to trill each day. These little monsters have stopped killing animals, and started getting A grades. Doubtless this is social engineering, unacceptable to all believers in free will, and only one step short of eugenics. But it sounds like a miracle nonetheless.

Of course, there are other implications. Should a scheme for Theta-wave stimulation be universally enforced, it would probably wipe out other professions besides the criminal ones. Instil fear, empathy and conscience, and what happens? Mountaineering and politics vanish at a stroke. Also, there is nothing to put in soap operas. In such a brave new world, last night's **EastEnders** (BBC1) — the much-trailed showdown between Grant and Michelle — would have been less of a crowd-puller. "Michelle, how nice. Shall we work on those dollies for the children's home this evening?" "Good idea. And may I say how lovely you look in that black T-shirt?"

Instead, it started out as the usual spitting contest, which the sensible viewer watched crouching happily behind the sofa, gasping "Ooch! Ouch! Oof!". Michelle and Grant really hate each other, you see, and they are both "mouthy": also Michelle believes she is the only person Grant doesn't scare. Would they kill each other, perhaps? After all, Susan Tully is leaving this show soon, and the viewers are fed up guessing the route. Grant is the King Kong of soap opera. Michelle might go *down in history as the vicious* T Rex that put up a mortal fight.

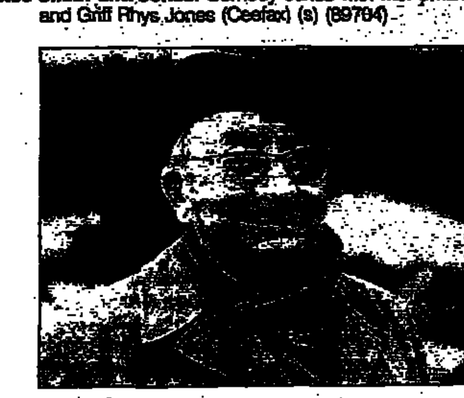
But instead they calmed down. And it was as though a great big Theta wave swept through the Vic. "You never stop and put your brain into gear!" accused Grant. "You don't know what love is!" yelled Michelle. But then, well, blame it on the drink: by taking big, exhausted gulps of unspecified brown spirit, they mellowed, and talked of remorse, conscience and other mental functions specific to the frontal cortex. Michelle admitted she hurt people; Grant admitted he was unfair to Sharon. It was surreal, but also so very, very interesting that I fear I forgot to breathe. When Michelle and Grant finally *kissed* goodnight, they only looked mildly surprised, but personally I blacked out.

How to explain the drear effect of the submarine history series **Nautilus** (BBC2)? Difficult, but if there was ever a show that needed a torpedo on its tail, this is it. Last night we learnt that when the Soviet atomic sub K-3 was constructed in the late 1950s, its designers were not naval experts, but the gloriously named Ministry of Medium Sized Machine Building. Something about *Nautilus* suggests the broadcasting equivalent — a Department of Medium-Sized Documentary Series Making, in a grey bunker, with damp snow. It helps to imagine that Michael Gambon is really narrating the history of the zip-fastener, or barbed wire: but actually no subject on earth would justify such lack of lustre.

Meanwhile, **Sound Stories** (BBC2) found an excellent upbeat subject in a barbershop choir from Potton, Bedforshire — 70 good-natured men in make-up and red jackets singing *Alabama Bound* while swaying, smiling, and making co-ordinated hand gestures. No *send-up* was entailed *here*: quite the reverse. Karen Whiteside's engaging film managed in half an hour to stimulate the Theta empathy waves to the point of passion, and the close harmony helped. Would the Shannon Express choir win first prize at the British Association competition in Harrogate? Well, they did! And by golly, they deserved it! Even when their coveted trophy turned out to be called "The Crawley Plaque", nothing could detract from such complete joy.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (52346)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86806487)
9.05 Dallas — The Final Years (r) (Ceefax) (1232984) **9.50 Brilliant Gardens, Kew.** Rula Lenska takes a look at the many all year round attractions in the 300-acre Royal Garden at Kew (r) (8675297)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5438704)
10.05 Conference Live 95. The Labour Party (94598839) **12.50pm Regional News** and weather (38215051)
1.00 ***One O'Clock News*** *(Ceefax) and weather* (33162)
1.30 Neighbours. There is an intruder alert in Ramsay Street. Rick must hit the road again (Ceefax) (s) (91256365) **1.50 Hawkeye** (7239384) **2.35 Island Race** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8130297) **3.05 The Great British Quiz** (s) (8842810)
3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (8667297) **3.50 ChuckleVision** (r) (s) (8647433) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (Ceefax) (s) (1119810) **4.35 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (2811742)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9070162) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (2362617)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (584100)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (655)
6.30 Regional News magazines (907)
7.00 This Is Your Life. Presented by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (6758)
7.30 As Time Goes By. Lionel is moving in with Jean but, both having lived alone for some time, will they be able to cope with their new way of life? With Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r) (Ceefax) (s) (891)
8.00 Points of View. Presented by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (989723)
8.15 How Do They Do That? Behind the scenes with Eamonn Holmes and Jenny Hull, including how to get a troupe of 47 penguins to sing and dance with the comedian Jack Dee in the John Smith's advert and how to turn the classical violinist Vanessa Mae into a chart-topping pop star (Ceefax) (s) (182384)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (2723)
9.30 Smith and Jones. Comedy series with Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones (Ceefax) (s) (89794)



Marcel Batreau served in both wars (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **People's Century: 1919 — Lost Peace** (Ceefax) (s) (691384)
10.55 FILM: Ordinary People *(1980) starring* Mary Tyler Moore and Donald Sutherland. Oscar-winning family drama about the effect that an accidental death of one of their number has on the rest of them. Directed by Robert Redford (Ceefax) (s) (83209029)
12.55 FILM: This is a Hijack (1973) starring Adam Roarke, Neville Brand, Jay Robinson, Lynn Borden and Milt Kamen. A compulsive gambler, deeply in debt, takes one of the biggest risks of his life when he plans to gain control of a jet and hold his boss to ransom. The stakes are high and the odds are stacked against him with a mysterious passenger on board. Directed by Barry Pollack (6822476)
2.25am Weather (5148105)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: The All Electric Home (8687407) **6.45** Culture and Society in Victorian Britain (6022926) **7.10** LA, City of the Future (5739094)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6167181)
8.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3247297) **8.40 Lassie** (4097723)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1273988)
1.45 Come Outside (s) (26070810) **2.00 Johnson and Friends** (s) (12819988)
2.10 Conference Live 95. The Labour Party in Brighton (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55** (93204549)
5.30 Floyd on Italy. Tuscany (r). (Ceefax) (s) (384)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (759984)
6.45 They Who Dare. Free climber Maurizio "Manolo" Zanolla scales the southern face of the Marmolada in the Dolomites (r). (Ceefax) (s) (462051)
7.00 The Boat. Atmospheric drama about the crew of a German U-boat on a mission to destroy British shipping in the North Atlantic. In German with English subtitles (r) (553902)
7.50 Close Up. George Romero selects a scene from *Tales of Hoffman*, Mike Hodges one from *Panther Panchali* (s) (635094)

Geoff and Cheryl Thorrington, in love (8.00pm)

8.00 It's for You — The Life and Times of the Telephone. The last in the series looks at the future of the telephone. (Ceefax) (s) (1920)
8.30 Off Your Trolley with Loyd Grossman. The series *on supermarket shopping concludes with a look at* what shopping might be like in the year 2000. (Ceefax) (s) (9655)
9.00 Degrees of Error. The final episode of the medical thriller starring Beth Goddard. (Ceefax) (s) (455278)
9.55 Close Up. Joe Dante selects a scene from *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* (s) (172636)
10.00 Grace under Fire. (Ceefax) (s) (59075)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (637346)
11.15 The Spin. Media magazine series (508520)
11.55 Weather (957162)
12.00 A Future with Aids (94292). Ends at **12.30am**
2.00 Night School: Primary Science (28056)
4.00-6.00 BBC Focus: Benefits Agency Today (18724921) **4.15 Television Training: Non-Linear Editing** (90582) ***4.45*** **Disability Today** (64967582) **5.00 Voluntary Sector Television.** Featuring Citizen's Service, advice on incapacity benefit and the new Guide Dogs for the Blind video (50495)

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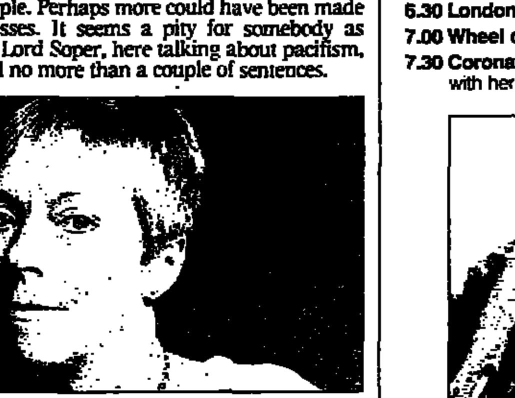
CHOICE

Police, Camera, Action!
ITV, 8.00pm

Alastair Stewart presents another anthology of appalling behaviour on the roads, culled from police videos. Ostensibly the programme is presenting a safety message, about reducing speed in the wet conditions, not being distracted by conversations on mobile phones and so on. As Stewart says, 95 per cent of accidents are caused by human error. But you cannot help feeling that the real motive is to carve an entertainment out of people making idiots of themselves. But it is unnerving to think that there are so many careless, *bad* and *wilfully* dangerous drivers about. The most bizarre clip is of a high-speed car chase in which the pursued threaten to unleash a pit bull in the path of the oncoming police vehicle.

People's Century: 1919 — Lost Peace
BBC1, 10.00pm

After the promise of its global beginning, the oral history of the 20th century has settled for a strongly European bias. The First World War was covered as if it happened mostly on the Western Front and now the inter-war years get a Euro-centred treatment in a film tracing the failure of the Versailles peace settlement and the path to the Second World War. Perhaps future programmes will redress the balance. Meanwhile, the series continues on now familiar lines, offering conventional history glossed by the memories of ordinary people. Perhaps more could have been made of the witnesses. It seems a pity for somebody as articulate as Lord Soper, here talking about pacifism, to be allowed no more than a couple of sentences.



Julie Flint on crime in Britain (C4, 9.00pm)

Frontline
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It may be hard to believe but the journalist Julie Flint insists that when she returned home after a ten-year stint in Lebanon, she was more anxious about walking the streets in London than she ever had been in Beirut. Her film argues that while fear of crime in Britain is widespread, genuine, and much greater than it used to be, this is largely unsupported by the statistics. She blames tabloid newspapers, and to an extent television programmes such as *Crimewatch*, for instilling in us the notion that it is hardly safe to put our faces outside the front door for fear of being mugged, raped or murdered. Playing on fear, Flint suggests, might sell magazines, newspapers and security devices but it does nothing to address the real situation.

Battered Britain: Blazed
Channel 4, 11.10pm

Blazed seems a curious choice for a season devoted to violence since, apart from a minor punch-up, there is happily very little of it. But this drama created out of improvisations by a cast of black teenagers is worth catching under any label. The setting is inner-city Coventry, where disenchanted kids see making money as the only escape from a purposeless existence. Suspended from school, a latter-day Bonnie and Clyde steal a car and go shoplifting but having had their fling decide that perhaps money is not the most important thing after all. The moral tale is put across with tremendous verve and it contains impressively natural performances from its young players, none of whom had acted before.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7474655)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5748181)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1283365)
10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (9116346)
10.35 This Morning (39525723)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4723891)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (s) (9184346)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9192365)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22999617)
1.55 Shortland Street (91246520)
2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (44257907)
2.50 Material World (8121549)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7509669)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (2454510)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4360655) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (1151988) **3.50 The Story Store** (s)(4364471) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (9966839) **4.15 Wolf It: the Next Generation** (Teletext) (s) (841159) ***4.45*** **Bad Influence** (s) (2802094)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas talk about their new film, *Assassins*. (Teletext) (1219013)
5.40 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (825094)
5.55 Your Shout viewers' opinions (740810)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (723)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (425)
7.00 Wheel of Fortune (s) (8926)
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet demands an appointment with her bank manager (Teletext) (87)

Alastair Stewart on driving horrors (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Police, Camera, Action!** Presented by Alastair Stewart (s) (4346)
8.30 FILM: Blame it on the Bellboy (1991) starring Dudley Moore, Patsy Kensit, Richard Griffiths, Alison Steadman and Bryan Brown. Three men with similar names but radically different professions book into a Venice hotel. They are all waiting for urgent letters and their lives are plunged into a state of farcical confusion by the inept bellboy. Directed by Mark Herman (99162)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (59029)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (498029)
10.40 Carlton Sport. Bob Wilson and Ian St John introduce highlights of tonight's Coca-Cola Cup second round, second leg ties. (8399181)
12.00 Tales from the Crypt (98018)
12.30am Profile of singer-songwriter Kirsty MacColl (r) (s) (6774143)
12.40 The Little Picture Show (2919230)
1.40 The Album Show (s) (3561211)
2.40 Hollywood Report (s) (7682308)
3.05 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (86980747)
3.30 Sport AM (r) (3015476)
4.25 Profile (r) (s) (44788143)
4.35 One Life to Live (24202921)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (47921)
5.30 ITN Morning News ends **6.00** (99747)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Alfred J. Kwak (r) (6026742)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (56013)
9.00 Sabotage. All-women quiz (r) (s) (63278)
9.30 Schools. Good Health (6303907) ***9.45*** Book Box (6391162) **10.00** Stage Two Science (2217549) **10.15** Making Sense of Science (733758) **10.45** Your World (2471278) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (1630655) **11.07** Schools at Work (2220346) **11.15** The Mix **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3629742) **11.45** First Edition (3624297)
12.00 Travelog In France Corsica (r) (s) (76742)
12.30pm Sesame Street The guest is Annette Bening (45013) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (s) (91549)
2.00 The Catch A short film about a woman found on the beach by a fisherman (22431452)
2.15 FILM: Anatomy of an Illness (1984) starring Edward Asner. A fact-based drama about Norman Cousins, the Editor of *Saturday Review*, who fought back against a degenerative bone disease. Directed by Richard T. Heffron (512742)
4.00 Palin's Column (r). (Teletext) (988)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (100)
5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are people whom no one believes when they deny they are gay. (Teletext) (s) (1344926) **5.45 Terrytoons** (822907)
6.00 My So-Called Life (Teletext) (s) (74687)
7.00 Channel 4 News. *(Teletext) (732013)*
7.55 Fighting Back. Series following the residents of Wolverhampton's Heath Town Estate as they attempt to improve their environment (s) (638181)
8.00 Brookside. Susannah rekindles old feelings when she outstays her welcome at the Farnhams (Teletext) (s) (2988)
8.30 Absolutely Animals. Dan Behr meets Arthur, the catfood advertising superstar (Teletext) (s) (4723)
9.00 CHOICE **Battered Britain: Frontline.** (Teletext) (820568)
9.45 Tales of Battered Britain: The Copper's Tale. A look at the work of Caroline Simmons, a police officer stationed in Southend. (Teletext) (180520)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat Alaska-based comedy. Includes a guest appearance by the film director Peter Bogdanovich (Teletext) (s) (684094)
10.55 The Long Johns. John Bird and John Fortune manage to keep a straight face as Fortune plays the role of a fictitious MP, George Parr, who is interviewed about his views on youth crime. Last in the series (Teletext) (s) (499758)

Kelly Haywood and Michel Apuka (11.10pm)

11.10 CHOICE **Battered Britain: Blazed** (501617)
11.50 Devil's Advocate. Darcus Howe investigates the phenomenon of milk-drinking statues (s) (212346)
12.35 FILM: Joyriders (1988) starring Patricia Kerrigan, Andrew Connolly, Billie Whitelaw and David Kelly. A drama, first seen as a part of *Film on Four*, about a battered wife who, after leaving her two daughters in care in Dublin, takes to the road with a car thief. Directed by Aisling Walsh. (Teletext) (390560)
2.20am Jools Holland Big Band Inside (r) (9311650). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9192365) 1.25 Home and Away (22999617) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91246520) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (8121549) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1219013) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (425) 10.40 Midweek Kick-Off (3184891) 12.10am Beyond Reality (8351650) 12.40 War of the Worlds (5581650) 1.35 Hollywood Report (2098018) 2.00 Shift (1782380) 2.50 America's Top Ten (7895872) 4.15 Nite Bites (18749230) 4.30 The Time... the Place (90501)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91246520) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (8121549) *5.10-5.40 Shortland Street* (1219013) 6.25 Central News and Weather (365569) 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (323452) 10.40 Central Sports Special (396452) 11.40 Time Trax (792487) 4.35am Jobfinder (6364230) 5.20 Asian Eye (4553143)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9192365) 1.25 Home and Away (61296181) *1.50 Vanessa (47185094)* 2.20 Videofashion (44257907) 2.50-3.20 Coronation Street (8121549) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1219013) 6.25 Granada Tonight (584520) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (8926) 10.40 Granada Soccer Night (3164891) 12.10am Coach (8351650) 12.40 The Little Picture Show (2919230) 1.40 The Album Show (3561211) 3.05 America's Top Ten (86980747) 3.30 Jobfinder (1568308) 4.35 One Life to Live (24202921) *5.00 Vanessa* (47921)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (5359297) 1.20 Coronation Street (22930346) 2.50-3.20 Second Bite (8121549) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1219013) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (425) 10.40 West Match Plus (396452) 11.40 Father Dowling Investigates (792487) 3.30am Jobfinder (1568308)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 Primetime (8121549) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (425) 10.40-11.40 Top Sport (396452)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9192365) 1.25 Home and Away (22999617) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91246520) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8121549) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1219013) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (733) 6.30-7.00 Ridgeriders (425) 10.45 Coastguard Rescue! (356029) 11.15 Meridian Spotlight (225094) 12.15am Midweek Sport (2955308) 12.40 War of the Worlds (5581650) 1.35 Hollywood Report (2098018) 2.00 Shift (1782380) 2.50 America's Top Ten (7895872) 4.15 Nite Bites (18749230) 4.30 The Time... the Place (90501) 5.00 Freescreen (47921)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9192365) 1.25 Home and Away (22999617) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (91246520) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8121549) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1219013) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (74605) 10.30 Westcountry News; Weather (498029) 10.40 Power Game (118610) 11.10 The Westcountry Match (278742) 12.05am Short Story Cinema (5476989) 3.30 Jobfinder (1568308)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9192365) 1.25 Home and Away (22999617) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91246520) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8121549) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1219013) 5.55 Calendar (705029) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (425) 10.40 Your Match (396452) 11.40 Film: Heart of a Champion — the Ray Mancini Story (350181) 1.30am Hollywood Report (38259) 2.00 Videofashion (86037) 2.30 The Album Show (4015989) 3.25 Noisy Mothers (2342055) 4.20 Jobfinder (8758563)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (17471) 8.30 Jeopardy (42574) 9.00 Court TV (90346) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (92094) 10.30 Blockbusters (92758) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (73704) 12.00 Spellbound (42510) 12.30pm Designing Women (29346) 1.00 The Waltons (20029) 2.00 Geraldo (57278) 3.00 Court TV (4365) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (3782094) 4.20 Kids TV (1278100) 4.30 Shoot! (2636) 5.00 The Next Generation (5617) 6.00 Power Rangers (6029) 6.30 Spellbound (7181) 7.00 LAPD (6346) 7.30 M*A*S*H (3365) 8.00 Earth 2 (81100) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (77907) 11.00 Law and Order (94297) 12.00 David Letterman (5958766) 12.45 V (7316853) 1.30 Anything But Love (56230) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (3576259)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3041839) 9.30 Special Report (90636) 10.30 ABC Nightline (10100) 11.00 World News and Business (71346) 1.30pm CBS News (22487) 2.30 Amateur Naturalist (3742) 3.30 Special Report (8487) 4.00 World News and Business (45810) 5.00 Live at Five (9487) 6.30 Tonight (5723) 8.00 World News and Business (3636) 8.30 The O.J. Simpson Trial (4854549) 12.30am CBS News (60921) 1.30 Tonight (18389) 2.30 Newsmaker (92476) 3.30 Special Report (97921) 4.30 CBS News (52211) 5.30-6.00 ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1832029) 10.00 The Return of Ironside (1993) (23162) 12.00 The Karate Killers (1967) (54181) 2.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993) (64487) 4.00 In Like Flint (1967) (8079) 6.00 The Return of Ironside (1993): As 10am (43100) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (8433) 8.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993): As 2pm (83568) 10.00 Honeymoon in Vegas (1992) (759758) 11.40 Black Emmanuelle (1975) (236162) 1.20am Convoy (1978) (195766) 3.10-5.10 King of the Hill (1993) (89318132)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 Farewell My Lovely (1944) (32568) 2.00pm Remember the Night (1940) (57181) 4.00 The Damned Don't Cry! (1950) (5891) 6.00 Modesty Blaise (1966) (44617) 8.00 Native Son (1986) (49162) 10.00 The Incident (1967) (856520) 11.45 Mean Machine (1975) (833617) 1.45-3.15 Sleeper (1973) (394495)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's Revenge (1938) (86029) 8.00 The Great Pony Raid (1967) (2604013) 9.05 Thumbelina: Animation (3618549) 10.00 Ballad of Josie (1967) (21704) 12.00 Ann Vickers (1933) (52723) 2.00pm When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950) (62029) 4.00 The Great Pony Raid (1967). As 8am (6311471) 5.05 Thumbelina: As 9.05am (9783538) 6.00 Huck and the King of Hearts (1993) (79365) 8.00 Passenger 57 (1993) (74810) 10.00 What's Eating Gilbert Grape? (1994) (50742) 12.00 Irresistible Force (1993) (66230) 1.30am Swing Kids (1992) (7236981) 3.25-5.25 Precious Victims (1993) (50629018)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91349365) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13096758) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (59633617) 7.30 Ducktales (59645452) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale (24117278) 8.30 Wonderland (24116549) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24203029) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91017433) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13907810) 10.30 Quack Attack (24129013) 11.00 Disney Presents (59854100) 12.00 FILM: Gus (13994346) 2.00pm Wonderland (65995365) *2.30 Umbrella Tree (23025297) 3.00 Fraggle* Rock (65897100) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (23020742) 4.00 Quack Attack (23016549) 4.30 Ducktales (23005433) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dale (65876617) 5.30 Danger Bay (23029013) 6.00 Tarzan (23026926) 6.30 Dinosaurs (23017278) 7.00 Flipper (21064100) 8.00 The Sinbad Show (65978029) 8.30 The Torkelsons (65884636) 9.00-10.00 Voyager (21060384)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (28907) 7.30 Wrestling Mania (95588) 8.30 Aerobics Oz Style (27075) 9.00 Speedway (47617) 10.30 Pub Quiz (47939) 11.00 Boots 'n' All (17162) 12.00 Scottish Football Rangers v Motherwell (61641) 2.00pm WDC World Team (537094) 5.00 Wrestling Superstars (7471) 6.00 Sports Centre (5933) 6.30 Grass Roots Rugby (1365) 7.00 WDC World Team (278839) 10.00 Sports Centre (22520) 10.30 Get Your Handicap Down (48568) 11.00 Soccer Magazine (82365) 11.30 Rugby (89891) 12.00 Ladies Golf. Italian Open (25747) 1.00am American Sports (11230) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (28015)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Half-Marathon (83075) 9.30 Tennis (47568) 10.30 Olympic Magazine (32307) 11.00 Motors (42162) 1.00pm Triathlon (60279) 2.00 Chess (9452) 2.30 Live Cycling (523881) 5.30 Tennis (69471) 7.30 News (2617) 8.00 Cycling (6988) 8.30 Live Cycling (68496723) 10.40 Cycling (663810) 11.00 Formula 1 (77433) *11.30 Motorcycling Magazine* (87487) 12.00 Equestrianism (43143) 1.00-1.30 News (64785)

Debrah Farentino in space on Sky One at 8pm

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4847365) 8.30 Peyton Place (4846636) 9.00 As the World Turns (6719742) 10.00 Guiding Light (2295162) 11.00-12.00 Another World

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4840452) 12.30pm Wide World of Kid (5900636) 1.00 Roads to Freedom (2219742) 1.30 Pierre Franey (5909907) 2.00 Getaway (1761452) 2.30 Europa (9999181) 3.00 Independent Travellers Guide (4268365) 4.00 Travel Guide (9980433) 4.30 Zoolife (9986617) 5.00 Italy (1752704) 5.30 Around the World (3900297) 6.00 Europe (9990810) 6.30 Discover Your World (9981162) 7.00 Florida! (1772568) 7.30 Getaway (9887346) 8.00 Around the World (1758986) 8.30 Travel Guide (1760723) 9.00 Sky Destinations (4276384) 9.30 Discover Your World (5913100) 10.00 Florida! (4841181) 10.30 Italy (4930029) 11.00 Globetrotter (4351029) 11.30-12.00 American Adventurer (4937162)

TLC
9.00am Tonia Todman's Craft Room (7564029) 9.30 Highdays and Holidays (7067094) 10.00 Off the Beaten Track (1121433) 10.30 Rosemary Long (7480013) 11.00 Only Human (9969471) 12.00 Men in a Woman's World (7471365) 12.30pm Jimmy's (7061810) 1.00 Highdays (9043487) 1.30 Tonia Todman's Craft Room (7060181) 2.00 Brain Sex (1122162) 3.00 Off the Beaten Track (9990471) 3.30-4.00 Go Fishing (7187100)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jossy's Giants (9940346) 7.30 Neighbours (9952181) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7470636) 8.30 EastEnders (7479907) 9.00 The Bill (7566487) 9.30 The Sullivans (7069452) 10.00 All Creatures Great and Small (9958365) 11.00 Dallas (9041029) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7473723) 12.30pm Neighbours (7070568) 1.00 EastEnders (9949617) 1.30 The Bill (7079839) 2.00 The Sullivans (9980094) 2.30 Love Story (7184013) 3.00 Angels (9072029) 3.30 Eldorado (7269758) 4.00 Casualty (82191159) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4153162) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (4479100) 6.25 EastEnders (9390487) 7.00 Eldorado (9984810) 7.30 French Fields (7172278) 8.00 Angels (3368758) 8.25 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (8635742) 9.00 Paul Daniels (1600742) 10.00 The Bill (2173723) 10.35 The Album Show (51304346) 11.40 Reilly Ace of Spies (2114346) 12.40am Dr Who (7563196) 1.10 Fox (9368940) 2.05 The Kit Curran Radio Show (19045785) 2.30 Shopping

TCC
6.00am Casper (85636) 7.00 New Pink Panther (54278) 7.30 Sonic (66013) 8.00 Sweet Valley (88100) 8.30 Casper (5833384) 8.45 Dinobabies (5838839) 9.00 Tiny TCC (35655) 11.00 Sesame Street (42433) 12.00 Tiny TCC (38742) 2.00pm Barney (8742) 2.30 Blinky Bill (5394) 3.00 Sonic (4549) 3.30 New Pink Panther (7159) 4.00 California (6636) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley (5520)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Rise and Shine (16433) 9.00 Nick Jr (509346) 12.00 Lunchbox (523926) 3.00pm Chill Out (544384) 6.00-7.00 The Lowe Doctors (53989)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Kookaburras (7173907) 4.30 Ambulance! (7162891) 5.00 Man on the Rim (9981723) 6.00 Future Quest (9206094) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (4193966) 7.30 Locusts (7163520) 8.00 Connections 2 (9991100) 8.30 Driving (9887907) 9.00 Flights (5414029) 9.30 X-Planes (6435549) 9.55 Fangs! (5131297) 10.55 Belfast Boxers (2172346) 11.25-12.00 Nature Watch (2121636)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM Stranger from Venus (1954) (28719907) 1.20pm Behave Yourself (5507926) 2.00 Saint (1126988) 3.00 Robin Hood (3994297) 3.30 The Protectors (7181926) 4.00 FILM Revolt at Fort Laramie (1957) (3631029) 5.30 120 Volt (7180297) 6.00 Death Valley (7170810) 6.30 Scotland Yard (7161162) 7.00 The Invisible Man (9966278) 7.30 Robin Hood (7167346) 8.00 Saint (1582346) 8.00 Sapphire and Steel (5338655) 9.30-12.00 FILM The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming! (1966) Comedy with Alan Arkin (2394907)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7382810) 6.55 Present Yourself 7.00 Living Magazine (92560907) 8.55 Present Yourself (8776384) 9.00 Bazaar (7444297) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1656704) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (5525758) 10.55 Present Yourself (35535907) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (4051891) 11.55 Delia Smith (6035278) 12.30pm Brookside (4488013) 1.05 Best of Kilroy (6896568) 2.00 Agony Hour (4973365) 3.00 Living Magazine (9539636) 4.00 Infatuation UK (8238549) 4.30 Crosswits (7188452) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (29261443) 5.30 Bewitched (9241013) 6.00 Esther (9248936) 6.30 Brookside (3925810) 7.05 Present Yourself (3815758) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (6260346) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (7026162) 8.55 Present Yourself 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (2500181) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (2510568) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (1363346)

FAMILY CHANNEL
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Forest to receive only £700,000

Blackburn bargain for Bohinen

BY PETER BALL

RAY HARFORD'S long quest to spend more of Jack Walker's money may finally be successful today. Yesterday, Blackburn Rovers had talks with Lars Bohinen, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, and he is expected to sign today.

To Forest's dismay, the Norway international will cost only £700,000, small change by the standards of Walker, the Blackburn benefactor. Bohinen cost Forest only £400,000 and the player insisted on a clause in his contract allowing him to move for £700,000 if another club was interested in him. He refused Forest's subsequent attempts to buy out that clause.

"It's obviously very disappointing for me, but I'm powerless in this situation," Frank Clark, the Forest manager, said yesterday. "I've tried over the last 18 months to come to an agreement with Lars over that clause, but we've not been able to solve it. I just hoped that the occasion would not arise, but now it has."

If Bohinen is not the high-profile, big-name signing Blackburn were expected to make, as an eager runner from midfield and a reliable finisher he will satisfy an urgent need in their midfield. He may not be the only new arrival at Ewood Park.

"I shall be doing some wheeling and dealing during the next week and I would like to think there will be some wheels in motion before we play Southampton [on October 14]," Harford, the Blackburn manager, said. Blackburn were being linked yesterday with two Scotland international midfield players, John Collins, of Celtic, and Billy McKinlay, of Dundee United.

Bolton Wanderers have also been linked with McKinlay. Swindon Town yesterday rejected their £1 million offer for Peter Thorne, the forward Swindon signed from Blackburn, who scored twice against Bolton in the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final last season.

"If they come back with an improved offer, we might have to start thinking about it," Steve McMahon, the Swindon manager, said. If Bohinen completes his move, however, it will almost certainly end Bolton's hopes of signing Scot Gemmill, the departure of the Norwegian giving Gemmill the opportunity to claim a

Bohinen: reliable

regular first-team place. Another transfer that will apparently not take place is that of Mark Hughes from Chelsea to Everton, which was widely rumoured after suggestions that Hughes is finding it difficult to settle in London. "It just isn't true," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said yesterday. "In fact, we were saying at the club just how quickly Mark has settled in at Chelsea."

Everton had attempted to sign Hughes in January, before his injury at St James' Park and Eric Cantona's suspension put the move on ice. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, insisted that he has made no move this time for Hughes or for Uwe Rösler, of Manchester City.

"I'm annoyed and amazed at the transfer speculation that seems to involve Everton Football Club," Royle said yesterday. "Some people seem to have the motto, 'Don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story'. I can't clarify any talk about Everton being linked with Mark Hughes because there's nothing to clarify."

As if the potential loss of Bohinen was not enough, there was further bad news for Forest yesterday. Bryan Roy, their Holland international forward, may face a Football Association inquiry into an alleged spitting incident during Forest's Coca-Cola Cup second-round, first-leg defeat at Bradford.

"The Bradford police received complaints regarding an alleged incident involving Bryan Roy, and have forwarded a report to us," an FA spokesman said. "We must now decide whether to take it further."

The news came as a surprise to Forest. "I've spoken to Bryan and he did not have a clue what I was talking about," Clark said. "We were led to believe that the matter was dead and buried as there were no witnesses and it appeared some supporter was just trying to cause trouble."

☐ Andy Townsend, the Aston Villa captain, suffered a double punishment at the hands of the Football Association yesterday when he was suspended for one match for being sent off in the FA Carling Premiership match with Nottingham Forest a fortnight ago. Under FA orders, Villa have also fined him a week's wages for his exaggerated celebrations after scoring his side's goal in the same 1-1 draw. He will miss the Premiership game with Chelsea on Saturday week.

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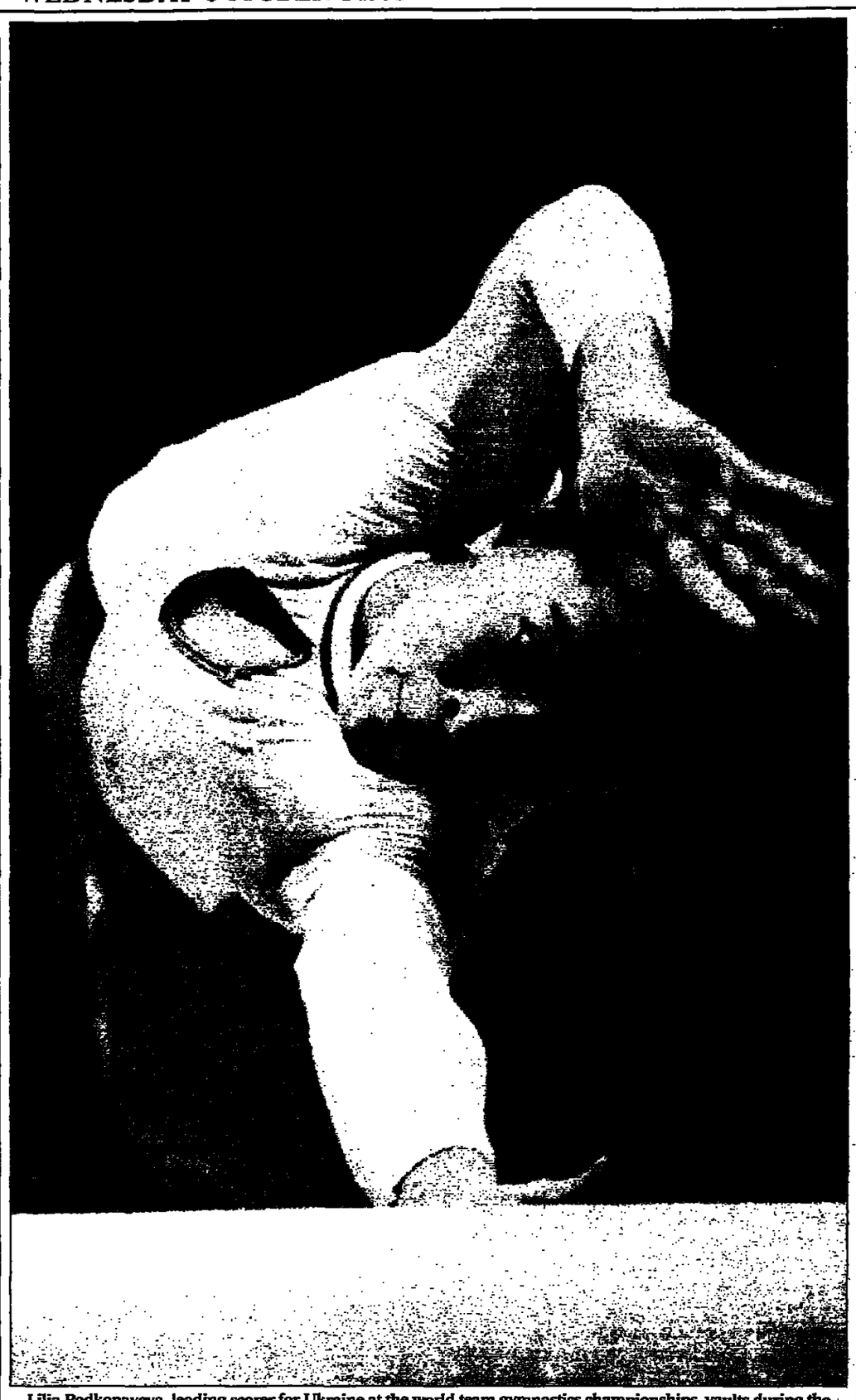

Lilia Podkopayeva, leading scorer for Ukraine at the world team gymnastics championships, vaults during the women's compulsories in Sabae, Japan, yesterday. Overall, Romania took a narrow lead over the United States

Lewis sure he has armoury to dispose of Morrison

LENNOX LEWIS dismisses Tommy Morrison as a significant threat, but not the importance of their heavyweight bout on Saturday. "I don't think that this is going to be one of my toughest fights," Lewis said at a news conference on Monday to promote their scheduled 12-round contest at the Atlantic City Convention Centre. "It's just another fight that I need to win to get back my heavyweight title."

Lewis lost his World Boxing Council (WBC) crown 12 months ago when he was stopped in the second round by Oliver McCall, of the United States. The defeat was the first suffered by the Briton in 28 professional bouts.

Lewis feels that a victory over Morrison, the former holder of the lightly-regarded World Boxing Organisation title, should set him up for a showdown with Frank Bruno.

Bruno outpointed McCall last month to claim the WBC title that Lewis was awarded when Riddick Bowe threw his belt into a London dustbin rather than meet the organisation's designated opponent.

"I definitely want to get in the ring with Frank Bruno, if he's man enough," Lewis said.

Both Lewis and Morrison pack a powerful punch. Lewis has gone the distance just four times in his 27 wins. Morrison has finished 39 of his 45 wins early. But Lewis is not loading up for a one-punch knockout win against the American.

"Everybody here is talking about bombs, but I believe I have a whole arsenal," Lewis said. "I have all of these weapons, but if one of them doesn't work, then I just go to another."

Lewis says the teachings of the veteran trainer, Emanuel Steward, have been instrumental in adding diversity to his technique. "It's amazing how much I've learnt being with Emanuel," he said. "This is my third fight with him and I really feel like at this stage all of my abilities are going to shine through."

☐ Angel Beltre is predicting success at the second attempt when he tackles Eamonn Loughran for the Irishman's World Boxing Organisation welterweight title in Belfast on Saturday. The Dominican Republic boxer's hopes of taking Loughran's crown in May ended when a clash of heads left Beltre covered in blood.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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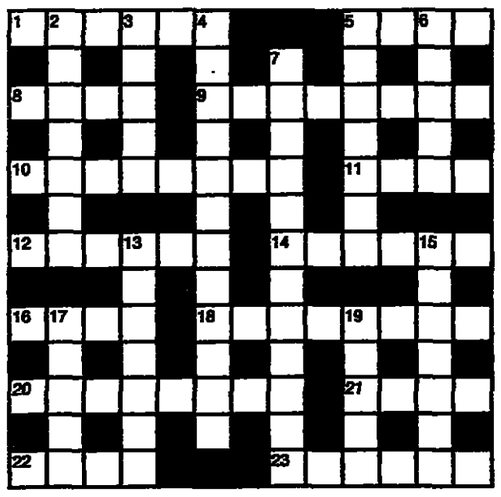

ACROSS
1 Small canine pet (3-3)
5 Skin spots: impetuous (4)
8 Act; twist round (4)
9 False-god worshipper (8)
10 Uneven contest (8)
11 Large piece (torn off) (4)
12 Systematic procedure (6)
14 Built for hard use (6)
16 Rugby position; item actor may carry (4)
18 Anthony —, Barset novelist (8)
20 Insurrection (8)
21 A religious (4)
22 Dining hall; disorder (4)
23 Good repute (6)

DOWN
2 Insulting (language) (7)
3 Hard-wearing cloth, usu. blue (5)
4 Particularise (2,4,6)
5 Selfish driver (4-3)
6 Strict; relentless (5)
7 Native language (6,6)
13 Gerard Manley —, poet (7)
15 Money outlay (7)
17 Indian currency (5)
19 Boundary (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 590
ACROSS: 1 Gang 3 Hay Fever 8 Lewd 9 Charisma 11 Imprimatur 14 Loaded 15 Casino 17 Screenplay 20 Up in arms 21 Girl 22 Team-mate 23 Deft
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Sheikh withdraws string from Cecil

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE world's most powerful racehorse owner, Sheikh Mohammed, yesterday ended his classic-winning relationship with Henry Cecil, the ten times champion trainer.

The parting of the ways came amid allegations that Cecil had "misled" the sheikh by not informing him of an injury to Mark Of Esteem, second favourite with some bookmakers for next year's Derby. Sheikh Mohammed has more than 40 horses stabled at Cecil's Warren Place yard in Newmarket but

Cecil: abrupt dismissal

all will be removed "in the next few days".

Cecil was informed of the decision while attending Goffs sales in Co Kildare, Ireland. "Sheikh Mohammed has decided to remove his horses from my yard," he said. "Obviously this is a knock for Warren Place but I feel, under the circumstances, it is probably for the best as his first priority is Dubai and mine is my family, my staff, my other owners and, as ever, to win as many races as possible."

Mark Of Esteem, a fluent Goodwood winner in July, had been due to run in a top race at Ascot 11 days ago, but Sheikh Mohammed decided to send him to Dubai for the winter and join his all-conquering Godolphin operation.

When the two-year-old arrived in Dubai, a thorough medical examination revealed a knee injury requiring possibly surgery. Cecil, who had expressed public disappointment at Mark Of Esteem missing the Ascot race, allegedly had not informed the sheikh of the injury before the horse left his yard.

Sheikh Mohammed, who telephoned his racing manager from Dubai to order Cecil's dismissal, insisted the decision was not connected to his recent thinly-veiled attack on Cecil's wife, Natalie, whom he accused of interfering in the training of horses.

The acrimonious split brings to an end a highly successful partnership which began in the early 1980s and saw Oh So Sharp win the fillies' Triple Crown in 1985. Diminuendo won the Oaks in 1988, while Indian Skimmer and Old Vic both carried the sheikh's distinctive maroon and white silks to classic success in France and Ireland.

Despite those achievements, Dubai's Crown Prince has not enjoyed the level of success on the British turf which his vast investment in bloodstock has deserved – until this year. The creation of Godolphin, with horses wintering in Dubai before returning to race in Britain, has seen his horses win most of the top races in Britain this season.

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World Cup counts cost of player fees

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union's World Cup organisers may have created a financial silk purse from the last of the notionally amateur tournaments, in South Africa this summer, but they are bracing themselves for the cold blast of professionalism which may make the 1999 tournament in Wales more of a sow's ear.

Having achieved a surplus of £22.1 million and a global television audience estimated at 2.67 billion (an increase of 55 per cent on the 1991 tournament) this year, Rugby World Cup (RWC) Ltd directors were chary yesterday of committing themselves to over-optimistic predictions. The parameters of the game having changed so drastically within the last month, they are right to be so.

In the first place, Sir Ewart

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Bell, the RWC Ltd chairman, is adamant that the tournament will need a much larger professional organisation; in the second, Marcel Martin, director of the company's commercial arm, suggested that a substantial participation fee will be paid to the contending countries who, in 1999, will number 20 as opposed to 16 hitherto.

The first three World Cups have been run on a shoestring compared with the organisations of football's World Cup. "That is something which is bound to change," Bell said. "We can't carry on with the present staffing level because the event is getting bigger all the time."

In fact, several representatives at the International Rugby Football Board meeting in Tokyo last week pressed for the retention of 16 finalists — South Africa, the holders, would have been happy with 12 — but Martin was insistent that the interests of every rugby-playing nation, large or small, should be considered. "The World Cup is not just for the very few who have the stadia, the broadcasting rights, the spectators and the players," Martin said.

Before the last tournament, competing countries were paid £35,000 to assist preparations, a drop in the ocean for New Zealand or England but vital to the kitting-out of Tonga or Ivory Coast. But Martin foreshadowed a 1999 tournament in which professional players, contracted to their unions, would receive a participation fee, perhaps derived from the gate receipts which, this year, amounted to £16 million from the 1.1 million spectators in South Africa.

"What the participating unions do with such a fee would be up to them," Martin said. "Each major sport develops its own system based on trends at the time of the tournament, and some may give the money to participants, others to development. But we must not sacrifice the one for the other and I hope no country is selfish enough to destroy development for the sake of paying players."

RWC expects some 70 countries to seek entry for the 1999 tournament, most of whom will be involved in the three qualifying tournaments for the 1997 World Cup sevens in Hong Kong, to take place in Lisbon next June, Dubai next November and Punta del Este in January 1997.

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